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Hague

accused

of 'gutter'

sneer

BY ROLAND WATSON,

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Mandelson's advisers

last night accused William

Hague of "entering the gutter" after the Tory leader used the

opening of the Parliamentary

session to make a veiled refer-

ence to allegations about the

Trade Secretary's private life.

Mr Hague's decision stunned MPs gathered in the

Commons to hear the Leader

of the Opposition's keynote ad-

dress replying to the Queen's

Speech. During a rhetorical as-sault about the reformed

House of Lords becoming a chamber of 'Tony's cronies'.

Mr Hague said the future upper House would include Lord Mandelson of Rio".

ft was a reference to an arti-

cle in last week's Punch claim-

ing that Mr Mandelson had visited a gay nightclub — a claim denied by the minister.

Last night a friend of Mr

Mandelson said: "Mr Hague

has in the past refrained from

The reference to Rio was in

Passions flare over Lords reform

Cheering breaks tradition of silence

By Philip Webster POLITICAL EDITOR

THE future of the Lords was established yesterday as the battlefield for the next political year as tensions erupted in both Houses of Parliament over the Government's plan to strip 750 hereditary peers of their voting rights.

After a Queen's speech an-nouncing 22 Bills ranging from welfare reform to trade on the Internet, Tony Blair and William Hague clashed furiously over Lords reform. with Mr Hague saying that it would hang like a millstone round Mr Blair's neck and the Prime Minister declaring that he would kill the Tory claim to a "divine right" to govern.

Their Commons confrontation followed unusual events in the Lords, where the Queen's speech was interrupted for the first time in the modern age. She is usually heard in silence, but her announcement of the plans for the Lords was greeted by cheers from La-bour peers and MPs, and murmurings of disapproval - either about their fate or the breach with tradition - from Tory peers. The Queen, apparently surprised, looked up

It was an illustration of the anger on both sides in both Houses for what may turn out to be the ultimate constitutional confrontation. And while Mr Blair led a determined offensive to focus attention on other measures, Labour strategists admitted that the way the Lords behaved in the face of their own destruction would dominate the session.

The issue has clearly influenced the shape of the pro-



Lady Haden-Guest, better known as Jamie Lee Curtis, with Lords Cockfield, St John of Fawsley, Monteagle, Evans of Watford, Rosslyn, Tomlinson and Ahmed, and Lady Munster

gramme with at least five substantial Bills - on food standards, elected mayors, freedom of information, a strategic rail authority and political funding - held over. Paddy Ashdown complained that too was being held over for another time: "This Queen's speech kicks so much off the field that after it there will be standing

room only in the long grass." Ministers have already conceded that without help from Tory peers their Bill to introduce PR for the European elections next year cannot get through in time. The Lords Bill itself will contain only a handful of clauses and will not enter Parliament until next

year. But no one can be sure how peers' attitude to the Bill ending their voting rights will soill over into obstruction on other government measures.

Mr Hague was roared on by Tory MPs as he accused Mr Lords and replace the "independent" second chamber with a "House of cronies".

The Government was setting up a Royal Commission on the Lords that was expected to report within two years, Mr Hague said, and should wait to see what would replace the existing arrangements before changing them. He was wasting the whole of the coming year on a "piece of constitutional vandalism that will be obso-

lescent in just 24 months". Mr Blair said that it simply could not be right for the Lords to be dominated by 750 hereditaries out of a total of 1.100.

Of those who took the whip the vast bulk were Tories, ensuring that one House in the two-House system was perma-nently in their hands. "It is time to end the feudal domination of one half of our legislature by a Tory Party that claims a divine right to govern

this country," he said. The Government will bring in a White Paper setting out new arrangements for appointing life peers. Under the proposals, Mr Blair will relinquish the Prime Minister's sole right of patronage and es-

tablish a Royal Commission to review further changes and suggest reforms.

In the Lords, Baroness Jav urged peers not to obstruct the reform. But Viscount Cranborne, the Opposition Leader, Bill had tinged the State Open-ing with "great sadness". He said: "Emotions will certainly run high, and the measured judgment in great matters that the public has come to expect of your Lordships' House, will require an extra effort of will by all of us."

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Major critical of

Army social 'elite'

faces discharge

THE MAIN BILLS

Health: end the NHS internal market and replace GP fundholding.

to attend a job interview; more targeting of benefits: first stage of pension reforms. Crime: overhaul of youth courts; greater protection to vulnerable witnesses.

House of Lords: remove voting rights of hereditary peers. Access to Justice: give solicitors wider access to higher courts: more targeted legal aid; give private security firms power to arrest fine defaulters. Fairness to Work: new rights ic union recognition where 40 per cent of the workforce want ion members. Asylum and Immigration:

crackdown on asylum seekers, replacing cash handouts with benefits in kind to deter bogus applicants. Age of Consent: lower the age

of homosexual consent from 18 to 16 in line with that for heterosexuals. London: set up mechanisms for a directly-elected mayor of London and Greater London

entering the gutter occupied by so many of his colleagues" Mr Hague's office defended the comment as "a little bit of for workers including automatlight entertainment".

the text of Mr Hague's speech. also mentioned "Lord Draper of Lobbygate", a reference to Derek Draper, the former lob-byist, and "Lord Robinson of Offshore Funds in the Island of Guernsey", a reference to Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General.

A spokesman for Mr Hague said the reference to Mr Mandelson was "just a reference to a place that he likes to visit".

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Duma reformer is buried

Galina Starovoitova, the murdered Duma deputy, was buried in St Petersburg's Alexander Nevsky Monastery. Lead-ing pro-democracy politicians joined her family and friends and hundreds of supporters mourned quietly in the streets

Sir John Major

John Major is to become a Knight of the Garter, replac-ing Lord Hunt. He will be installed next April, on St George's Day Page 22

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Up in smoke; the Toyota Corolla catches fire within sight of the finish of the rally

Rally driver burns out 300 metres from glory

By Kevin Eason

CARLOS SAINZ has pursued the World Rally Champion-ship for almost 15,000 miles across the sand, mud and gravel of five continents. Yesterday, he was 300 metres from triumph when the engine of his car burst into flames and

It was a moment to rank in the pantheon of great sporting disasters, with the heart-broken Spaniard able to see the finishing post of the Network Q Rally of Great Britain through the mud-spattered windscreen of his Toyota Corolla yet helpless to stagger past it.

While Sainz contemplated his misfortune, the new champion was also disconsolate. Knowing nothing of the disaster, Tommi Makinen had packed his bags and was preparing to fly home to Finland. Makinen had come to Britain to defend a two-point lead in the Li-rally championship only to fall victim to equally bizarre circumstances. A 31-year-old Hillman Imp dumped its engine oil on the circuit within a few miles of the start on Sunday and Makinen skidded on the slick. smashed into a concrete block and wrecked his Mitsubishi

come only fourth to claim the championship for the third time. For three days, it was a virtual cruise, that fourth place secure, and yesterday spectators waited in the sunshine at Margam Park in South Wales to cheer him home ... and waited. The leaders tore through the

That meant Sainz had to



In tears: co-driver Moya

sial pamphlet in August last year criticising the "elite" in the Service, is to be told to resign or face "administrative discharge". All the senior officers in-volved in his chain of command, including General Sir Michael Walker, the Commander-in-Chief Land Com-

grassland to finish the 1,100-mile rally, but their first

sight of Sainz was when his car coasted to a halt, flames

spurting from the bonnet.
The inconsolable Spaniard

clambered out and burst into

tears. His co-driver, Luis

Moya, at least gave vent to his

frustration, kicking the strand-ed car before tearing off his hel-

met and hurling it at the smoke-blackened bodywork.

telephone was Tuomo Makin-en, who had watched incredu-

lously and was just in time to

catch his brother carrying his

bags down to his airport taxi.

"He said, 'Don't go, don't go.
You have won'," the champion
said, "I told him to stop joking.

I could not believe what had

happened. I had given up and just wanted to go home. It must be terrible for Carlos."

So terrible that Sainz was

unable to speak through his

emotions and retreated to the

sanctuary of his hotel.

The first man on the mobile

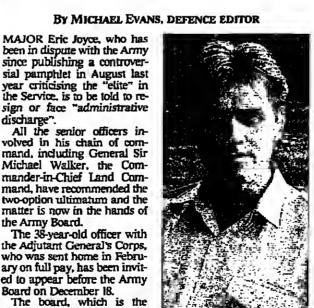
two-option ultimatum and the matter is now in the hands of the Army Board. The 38-year-old officer with the Adjutant General's Corps, who was sent home in February on full pay, has been invit-ed to appear before the Army

Board on December 18. The board, which is the Army's senior decision-making body, is expected to concur with the opinion of Major Joyce's commanding officer that he leave the Service.

Last night Major Joyce said he had not made up his mind whether to accept the Army Board's invitation. "If I decide I want to fight to stay in the Army, then I shall obviously take the opportunity to address the board. But if I decide to resign then I won't."
He said: "I have been in the

Army now for 20 years and it would be a pity to end my ca-reer by being forced out... The whole process of administrative discharge is archaic and outmoded and I feel I'm being unfairly treated."

Ever since the publication of his article in a Fabian Society pamphlet in which he accused Briton triumphs, page 50 | the Army of maintaining a



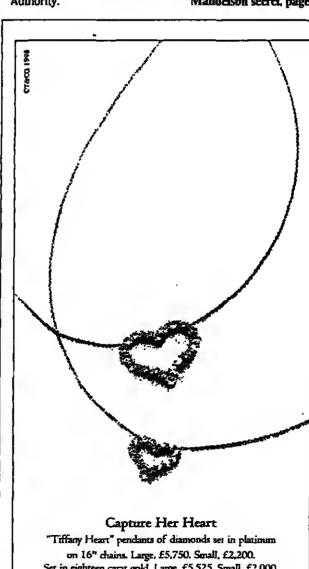
Major Joyce: "I feel I'm being unfairly treated

class system and being run by a social elite, he has created an embarrassing dilemma for his superior officers

Originally, he faced court martial or other disciplinary proceedings for breaching the regulations under which officers are prohibited from writing articles about the Service

without permission. That threat was dropped, even though he continued to make public comments about the Army in newspapers, on radio and television. He was much in demand.

The officer is hoping to be included on the Labour Party's list of candidates for the Scot-



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seriously, when a helic crasbed in thick fog in ar. lated field last night. The lot, who suffered minor he. injuries, crawled from the

wreckage and staggered across two fields to flag down a motorist to raise the alarm. The men were taken to Mil. ton Keynes General Hospital, where one is undergoing ireatment for severe injuries. A hospital spokeswoman said: Three men have been admit-

ted. Two of them are critically

ill although their lives are not

in immediate danger." The se-

riously injured were a

44-year-old man suffering

from head, chest, abdominal

and leg injuries and a 26-year-

old man who suffered broken

legs and lower back injuries.

in Kensington Gardens, West

London. Police, who are treat-

ing the death as suspicious, be-

lieve she could have been

there for up to two weeks. The

woman, a slim blonde, was 5ft

10in tall with a freckled com-

plexion. Her navel was tat-

tooed with the words "Funky

Pumpkin".

Body in pond

LSE faces revolt over plan to raise fees

ONE of Tony Blair's leading academic advisers faced a student revolt last night after proposing a 30 per cent rise in tuiion fees at the London School

Anthony Giddens, who is di-rector of the LSE, said the rise from £5,500 to £7,700 for British postgraduates would bring the fees more in line with those paid by overseas students.

But, in a demonstration reminiscent of the LSE's years as a hotbed of radicalism in the 1960s, students and lecturers said the rise would deter British postgraduates, and would be widely interpreted as a testbed for increasing university income by squeezing more money from students.

Professor Giddens is a political sociologist known to be in regular contact with the Prime Minister. In September, he ac-companied Mr Blair to America for a seminar with President Clinton on how the United States had interpreted the "third way" and how more flesh could be put on the new political philosophy.

The plans are part of a package to be examined over the coming weeks by the govern-ing body of the LSE. Overseas students who already pay more than £9,000 per year for the course will only have their fees raised in line with the 3.5 per cent basic rate of inflation.

Last night the 30 students at the demonstration accused their governing body of trad-ing education for financial reward. Narius Aga, the general secretary of the student union. said: "This would create a very dangerous intake based on financial and not academic means. We are astounded that LSE are considering it and, if they are wanting to compele with Oxbridge, this is not the way forward."

A spokewoman for the Asso-ciation of University Teachers said that the proposals were the first in what could become a worrying trend in education.
This is the first, it won't be the tast. Universities will make postgraduates pay however they can if they are desperate for money. It will put education solely into the hands of

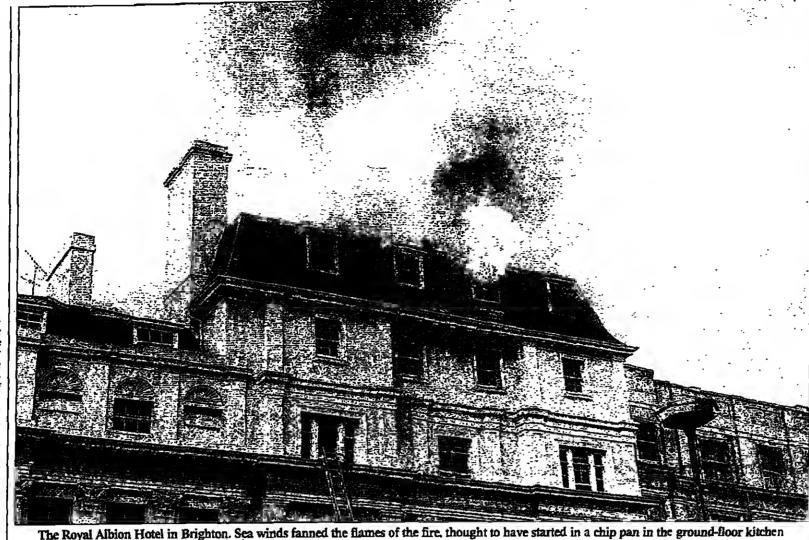
those who can pay, she said. However. Professor Giddens insisted that the LSE had made no firm decisions and was still looking "at all op-tions" for addressing funding. He added: "We must not do anything to penalise UK students and I hope there will not be too much dissension. We are already concerned to expand access and we are looking to drive more fund-raising

for scholarships." In 1960s there were protests at the LSE over the right for access to information and for students to be given more of a voice. Even Baroness Blackstone, then a junior lecturer and now the Higher Education Minister in the Lords, be-

came involved in a sit-in. Many former alumni have become famous, and include Karl Popper, William Bev-eridge, John F. Kennedy and

Cherie Blair.
The LSE Standing Commit-tee met to discuss the plans for the first time last night, and agreed to refer the issue back for further consultation on the grounds that it had not established whether higher fees would deter students and effect access, If this were found to be the case, the committee decided, an increase in hardship funds would also have to be introduced.

A spokesperson for the Department for Education and Employment yesterday said it hoped the LSE would vero the proposals. "The Government has not yet announced new rates for postgraduate stu-dents. This will be announced next month. We surprised they are proposing a rise more than the rate of inflation. Hopefully they will not do it."



By HELEN JOHNSTONE A COUPLE slept on for more

than three hours as the hotel

at which they were staying was hurning down around them. They did not leave their

first-floor room until the fire

When the middle-aged cou-ple, booked in under the

name of Burton, eventually

rushed out of the front of the

Royal Albion Hotel in Bright-

on, onlookers and hotel staff

had spread to all five floors.

Couple slept on for hours as hotel burnt around them

alive. They were directed to the nearby Thistle Hotel along with other guests, many of whom were still in their nightclothes, but they left soon afterwards.

They were among 120

guests and 30 staff evacuated rithout injury from the 115-bedroom hotel which dates back 170 years and is partially Grade II listed. Strong sea winds had fanned the flames, and fire-

fighters had to pump water

hundreds of onlookers away from the seafront as buge chunks of masonry and tiles crashed to the ground.

from the seato tackle the fire.

Emergency services cleared

The hotel was staging a civ-il servants' union conference

when fire broke out just after 8am yesterday. It is believed to have started when a chip pan in a ground-floor kitchen caught fire and spread through a ventilation shaft to the top of the building.

Caroline Day, 28, one of the guests, last night criticised the evacuation procedures. Ms Day, who was in a room on the fourth floor, said that she had not been alerted by the hotel alarm, which sounded like

Pinochet warrant

A French magistrate bas issued a second arrest warrant against the former Chilean dictator, General Augusto Pinochet, this time over the disappearance of the French doctor to the former President Salvador Allende, who was overthrown by a military coup in 1973, and another Frenchman who was tortured in Santiago, the country's capital.

Cruelty charge

An auxilliary nurse's daughter died of internal injuries, aged 21/2 months, after enduring weeks of cruelty and abuse. Exeter Crown Court was told vesterday. Kate Carman had 35 different fractures and 24 bruises as well as fatal . injuries to her brain and liver. Sarah Carman, 24. from Feniton. Devon, denies cruelty to her daughter.

Irish rail strike.

Union leaders in Ireland gave a warning last night of a "win-ter of discontent" after a oneday unofficial rail strike, in profest at plans to modernise the network, left thousands of commuters stranded. Roads were packed with cars and overcrowded buses as most of the country's 300 train drivers called in sick at the start of the 24-hour wildcat action.

Nuclear pills

Some 550 families living near. two nuclear power stations in Somerset have been sent protective tablets to take in case of a nuclear accident. Packets of potassium iodate, which protect against radioactive iodine, have been distributed in Stogursey, near the Hinkley Point site. A spokesman said that it was not because of increased risk of an accident.

Singer is freed

35-year-old former Stone

Tory leader hints at Mandelson mystery

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

FOUR words spoken by the Tory leader William Hague finally gave voice yesterday to one of the worst-kept se-

Standing at the despatch box, Mr Hague made the first oblique reference in Parliament to allegations about Peter Mandelson's private life which have appeared in the latest issue of Punch magazine. National newspapers, television and radio have pointed by avoided repeating the claims which centre on the Trade Secretary's alleged explain Mr. Hague's reference to Rio per to advise them that the story was activities whilst on a ministerial trip to and the Trade Secretary. The only view "utterly untrue". Mr. Mandelson's pri-

Brazil. Mr Hague dropped what was being regarded by MPs as a minor bombshell as he mocked the Prime Minister's move to abolish hereditary peers' voting rights in the House of Lords. With a look of defiance the Opposition leader said: "He wants to create a House of Cronies beholden to him and him alone. It would be a House populated by Lord Draper of Lobbygare, Lord Robinson of Offshore Funds, Lord Mandelson of Rio and the Prime

Minister himself. Baron of Ideas."

ence would have been regular readers of Punch or those who managed to catch the first edition of The Daily Tele-

graph last Wednesday.

The newspaper had run a story alluding to the allegations in Punch which concerned Mr Mandelson's homosexuality and the visit to Brazil in July. Without giving any detail. The Daily Tele-graph claimed that the magazine arricle was highly actionable and amounted to a direct challenge to sue. Howev-

vate life has been the subject of national debate since The Times' columnist Matthew Parris described him as "certainly gay" in response to a question from Jeremy Paxman on BBC2's Newsnight. The Express on Sunday revived the story with a report entitled Peter's Friend which described in careful language Mr Mandelson's association with a Brazilian student now living in Japan. The student was said to have been close to John Major's former Downing Street adviser Howell James. The paper's Editor in Chief, Rosie

Boycott, a neighbour of Mr Mandel-son, insisted the article was read to him before publication.

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British TV triumphs at Emmies

BRITISH television produc-tions, including BBCI's The Vicar of Dibley, have captured half the major titles at the Internacional Emmy Awards, which honour the best shows made outside America.

The comedy won the Popular Arts category for the final episode of the most recent series, which were made for the BBC by Tiger Aspect Productions. It was one of two BBC shows in the shortlist lor the ótle — the other being BBCZs Goodness Gracious Me.

Dawn French, who stars in The Vicar of Dibley, said: "I would like to bless everybody involved and I am pleased that my plan of sleeping with all the judges from the four corners of the world clearly paid

A British-made version of the ballet. The Judas Trec. coproduced by Channel 4, won the Performing Arts title. The ballet was inspired by the events of Tiananmen Square.

Newsman denies 'dumbing down'

BY CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TREVOR McDONALD made a public pledge yesterday that IIV's new early evening news programme would not be "a dumbed-down version" of News at Ten. which will be taken off the air in January.

Responding to the Labour MP Gerald Kaufman's assertion that the Independent Television Commission's decision to axe the 31-year old programme was a "milestone in he dumbing down of Britain". Mr McDonald said that the new 6.30pm bulletin would be

as good as, if not bener than, News At Ten. Mr McDonald, who will host the new 30-minute programme, to be called The Evening News, said that it would be a serious news bulletin which would rival the BBC's Six O'Clock News.

It was confirmed yesterday that the famous "bongs" which announced News At Ten have been preserved for The Evening News. ITV's new

country from Yugoslavia. When details of this appeared

in a specialist magazine, Cus-

toms and Excise asked the

Tory leader and his constituen-

cy secretary to provide witness

statements for use in a possi-

Last night a constituency spokesman said: "Mr Hague

advised Mr Sissen to lell the

authorities about these birds.

but he could not compel him in

do so. Now Customs are

aware of it we have been asked

to make a statement. It could

be that Mr Hague could ap-

pear in court as a hostile wit-

ness against a constituent he

has been trying to help."
In the meantime Mr Hague

has written to Customs and Ex-

cise asking them to answer

complaints that they have

breached rules regarding the seizure of the hirds and press-

ing them to bring charges or

Mr Sissen says that his

birds have been reared from

nthers already in captivity, many of which he has had

drop the investigation.

ble prosecution.

ttpm bulletin. The Nightly News, will be presented by Dermot Murnaghan. Mr Kaulman, the chairman

of the Select Comminee for Culture, Media and Sport, has accused ITV of being "patronising and offensive" in their bid to change their schedules and appeal to the "chanering classes of Islington. Yesterday Mr McDonald

said that he was saddened by the demise of News At Ten, but relieved that the debate which had "raged for years" had finally been resolved.

"We are determined to make the 6.30 news work. This is going to be a high-quality news programme, don't worry about that," he said. "We will retain all the best et-

ements of News At Ten and have the best stories." Mr McDonald said that he was unfazed by dominance of the Six O'Clock News over ITV's 5.40 news. 'That is

The rock musician tan Brown was released from prisoo on bail pending an appeal against his conviction and four-month prison sentence for using threatening behaviour on an aircraft. The Roses singer was jailed after magistrates in Manchester heard he threatened an air

Hague flies to bird breeder's aid

BY PAUL WILKINSON

WILLIAM HAGUEhas become embroiled in a dispute over the status of an aviary full of rare cockatoos and macaws. Some of them have, like the original Monty Python parrot.

passed away since Customs and Excise began to investigate Harry Sissen, a promi-nent bird breeder in Mr Hague's North Yorkshire con-Mr Sissen was raided in the spring by officials in search of

illegally imported parrots. Scores of birds worth a total of £200,000, including a number of endangered varieties, were Mr Sissen, 60. claims that at least five of the birds, which

can fetch thousands of pounds each on a thriving world black market, have since died. The rest of his stock of about 500 birds has been impounded at the aviary. In the course of a consulta-

tion with his MP on the matter. Mr Sissen admitted smuggling three Lear's macaws. worth about £50,000, into the since he began breeding 35 vears ago. Yesterday he headed off an

attempt by a Customs vet and officials to take blood samples that could help to identify the origin of eight birds which are endangered breeds. At his farm outside North-

allerton he persuaded the vet that taking the samples in the asternoon would disturb the hirds' pattern and could lead to their deaths. After he quoted Environment Department reg-

ulations which say that sampling should only be done in the morning, the Customs men retired, promising to re-turn on Monday before noon. "Some of the birds have got

youngsters and I am not going to have them traumatised." Mr Sissen said. He admitted importing the macaws illegally, but said that he had been in ... the process of applying for permits when the raids took place. He said Mr Hague had

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Robin Young ponders why the magazine's top 100 includes so few stars who are either alive or brunette

TO BE really sexy in the eyes of Playboy magazine a women needs two vital attributes. She should be blonde and she

should be deceased. The magazine, long a self-appointed arbiter of feminine pul-chritude, has published its list of the 100 sexiest women of the century. The two top sirens, ac-2 pording to the magazine's list-ling, are Marilyn Monroe, who appeared on *Playboy's* first cover in 1953 and died nearly 40 years ago, and Jayne Mansfield, busty star of the rock 'n' roll film The Girl Can't Help It. who was decapitated in a ical chest abdoming the man superne chest abdoming the injuries and a 26 year chest man who suffered broken thank injuries

road accident in 1962. Other deceased blondes featured in the list include Jean Harlow, the original "blonde bombshell" (10th), Anita Ekberg. star of La Dolce Vita (14th), the leggy Betty Grable



pid) Novak (18th), Lana Turn-er (25th) and Grace Kelly

Overcoming the disadvan-

tages of being both brunette and still alive, but notably well

Sexy stars: Marilyn Monroe, top of the list; Grace Kelly, 26th; Raquel Welch, third; and Joan Collins, 38th (17th), sultry Kim (Kiss me Stu-

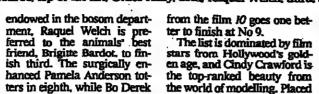
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ters in eighth, while Bo Derek



ment, Raquel Welch is preferred to the animals best friend, Brigitte Bardot, to fin-





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fifth, she is well ahead of Elle Macpherson (23rd) and Clau-Americans start with a huge advantage in the American

publication's ratings. Sophia Loren is the most highly rated

European (singh), with Unsula Andress 19th, Gina Lollobrigi-da 20th and Catherine Deneuve 45th.

Joan Collins is the sexiest Briton in *Plaphoy*'s lustful eyes (38th) — unless we can still claim Elizabeth Taylor (seventh). Our very own deceased blonde, Diana Dors, is placed

It is disappointing to find that some long-venerated sex symbols appear to have undergone a loss of allure down the years. Marlene Dietrich seems under-rated at 32nd, and the mechanistibly suggestive Mae West would surely have something to say about

being placed 44th.
The list probably says more about the age of *Playboy* readers than it does about the sexiness of women.

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Fears grow for little girl lost for two nights

BY PAUL WILKINSON

POLICE and volunteers spent a second night searching in sub-zero temperatures for Charlotte Jones, the threeyear-old who vanished from her front garden on Monday

Her mother, Michelle, 24, is told police that the girl disappeared after they had gone to the front gate to say goodbye to a visitor, believed to be the child's social worker.

Yesterday, forensic teams erected a large tent in the front garden of the house in Dal-



Charlotte Jones: missing since Monday evening

lam, near Warrington, Cheshire. In what they described as a routine step, police took away Miss Jones's black Vauxhall Astra for examination.

Charlotte and her mother moved into the house three months ago and police are concerned that if the girl got lost she may have come to harm either on the railway or Dallam Brook canal, both of which run close to her home. Divers searched the canal vesterday and a helicopter with a heatsensing device scoured the railway and a neighbouring park.

Officers from four forces have been brought in to search for Charlotte, Chief Inspector Tim Jackson, of Cheshire Po-lice, said: "We are treating Charlotte as lost but we are very concerned for her safety." Police are trying to trace

Charlotte's father, who separated from her mother soon after the child was born. Mr Jackson said: "They do not know where the father is, but he is not part of the inquiry." Charlotte is 3ft 6in and was wearing a purple bubble jack-

et, a Winnie-the-Pooh jumper

and 101 Dalmatians leggings.



A police underwater unit searching the canal near Charlotte's home yesterday. Officers are afraid she may have fallen into the water

How researchers got dunking to a tea

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE latest scientific research took the biscuit yesterday, by discovering the glories and hazards of dunking. It revealed what many of the keenest practitioners have long known: that a timely dunk — not too short, not too long — of a biscuit into a cup of tea releases ten times the flavour achieved by cating the biscuit dry.

The study also demonstrated the level of skill involved. A biscuit dipped in hot tea is living dangerously: its pores soak up the tea, its starch particles begin to expand, and the sugar that binds it together begins to melt. It is all too easy to leave half a sodden biscuit at the bottom of the cup.

Len Fisher, an honorary research fellow at the University of Bristol, says

that the rate at which a biscuit soaks up tea depends on the viscosity and surface tension of the tea, and the pore diameter of the biscuit. This given by by Washburn's equation, first worked out 80 years ago by Cyril Washburn, a scientist interested in how quickly blotting paper soaks up ink.

Of the three biscuits tested, Hobnobs had the smallest pores, Digestives the next smallest and Ginger Nuts the largest. This suggested that Hobnobs ought to provide the longest dunk, but the experiments proved oth-

In fact, the Digestives survived longest - eight seconds in tea at 80C against four seconds for Hobnobs and as little as three for the Ginger Nuts.

This was because Digestives have a hard-baked outer layer, which lowers their porosity.

What happens next is that the wet-tened biscuit starts to warm up. When it reaches 68C, the starch grains start to take up water and swell. They can take up 100 times their own volume of water" says Dr Fisher. Tests showed that the process weakens the biscuit, which begins to deform under its own weight.
"Dry biscuits are incredibly strong."

says Dr Fisher. "In theory, they should be able to support their own weight if only a hundedth of their thickness remains dry. But in practice they start to go much sooner as cracks spread." There is one way of stopping this,

and that is to prevent cracks ever starting. A chocolate coating, which has plastic properties, is the ideal material. So a chocolate digestive, laid chocolate-side up on the surface of the tea at a very shallow angle, offers the perfect

"It releases the flavour, and doesn't fall apart," says Dr Fisher with the air of a man who has just discovered the Theory of Relativity.

His work was financed by McVitie's to celebrate what they call National Dunking Day. At their sites around the country, staff were engaged on vari-ous competitions involving dunking, all in aid of charity. Their aim was to raise at least £5,000 for Macmillan

Boy, 15, recruited into kidnap gang

nessman's fingers in a 13-hour kidnap ordeal.

Two members of the gang, who were discovered in an Oxfordshire hideout, were last might starting jail sentences.

The teenage son of one of them was given a supervision order. They bundled lan Faulk into a car boot after abducting him at a service station on the M4 near Newbury, Berkshire, in January. They forced him to reveal his bank details by

threatening to mutilate him,

A GANG including a boy of 15 Oxford Crown Court was told threatened to chop off a busi-yesterday. Mr Faulk was yesterday. Mr Faulk was dumped in a field and was rescued after calling police on his mobile phone.

Matthew Forrest, 24, was jailed for 12 years after admitting his part in the kidnap. Philip Huggins, 42, was sen-tenced to II years after admitting false imprisonment. Both also admitted conspiracy to rob and other charges. Huggins's son Daniel, now 16, received a two-year supervision order after admitting his role in the abduction.

Trawler snatches fisheries navy men

By Michael Hornsby AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL NAVY officers were kidnapped by Dutch fishermen during a confrontation in the North Sea, it was disclosed

vesterday. Four officers from HMS Quorn, a minebunter assigned to fisheries protection duty for the Ministry of Agriculture, boarded a Dutch trawler in the Dover Straits before dawn on November 19.

When asked to haul up his fishing gear for inspection, the trawler master allegedly threatened the boarding party with violence before jettisoning his nets and making a dash for Belgian waters with

the navy men still on board. The men were held for about an hour and allowed off to return to HMS Quorn inside the Belgian 12-mile limit, where British fisheries protection vessels have no jurisdiction," a Ministry of Agricul-

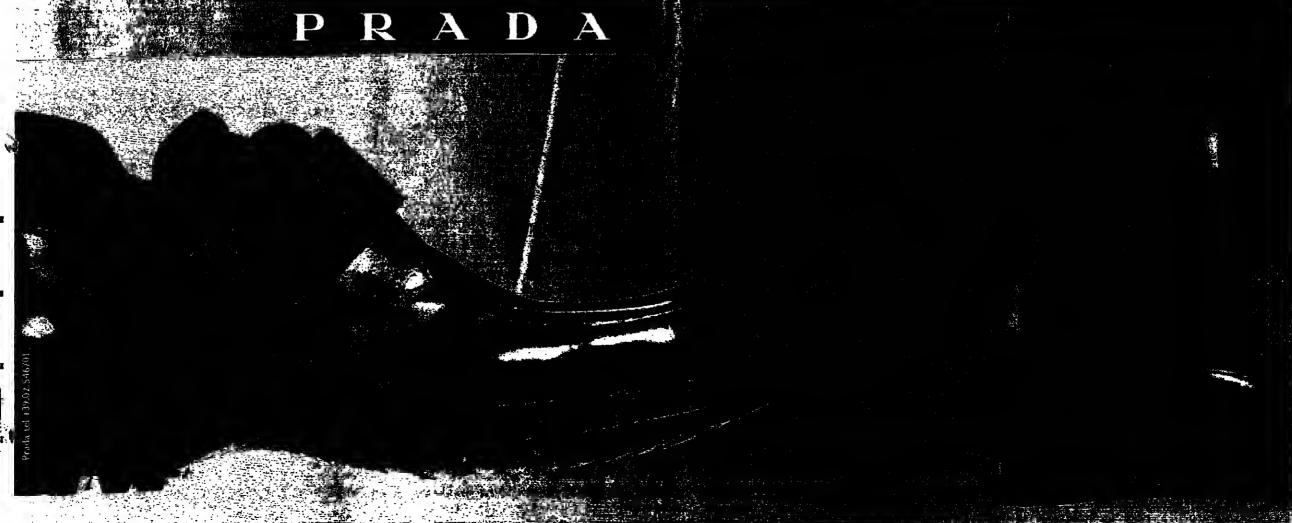
ture spokesman said. "The incident began with two officers going on board for a routine inspection to check the size of nets and catches recorded in the log book. When it became clear that the Dutch master was not cooperating two more officers went on

board."

The Jozina eventually put into the Dutch port of Flushing, while HMS Quom returned to British waters to search in vain for the nets.

"The matter is now with the Dutch authorities who are investigating the incident," the spokesman said. "Obviously we will be keeping an eye on the Dutch vessel and would like to speak to the master if he comes into British waters again."

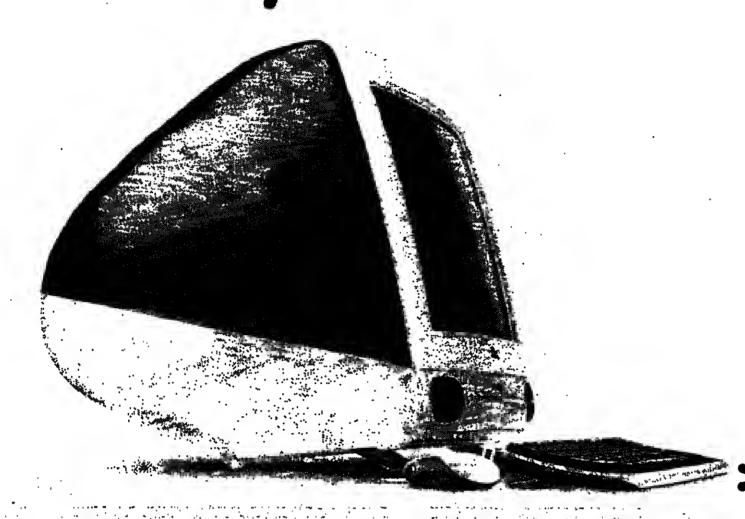
Hundreds of inspections are carried out every year by the fisheries protection squadron of seven purpose-built offshore patrol boats and four minehunters. Several years ago a French trawler off the Channel Islands made off with fisheries inspection officers on board and released them in Normandy.



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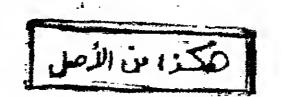
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Prince's Trust fined £10,000 for wall deaths

BY GILLIAN HARRIS, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Prince's Trust was fined EIO,000 yesterday after admitting responsibility for the deaths of two volunteers who were killed when a concrete

wall collapsed on top of them. The trust, set up by the Prince of Wales to provide training for young people, pleaded guilty to failing to en-sure the safety of Gary Leaburn, 25, and Derek Taylor, 19, on the Orkney island of

North Ronaldsay. The men, from Dundee, were buried beneath five tonnes of concrete when repairing a sea wall. It took seven hours to recover their bodies. The section of wall was said to be well beyond the competency of volunteers.

"It was a tragic end for two promising lads," said Sheriff Colin Scott McKenzie at Kirk-wall Sheriff Court. "At the end of the day, it may be thought that The Prince's Trust is where the buck stops. Their penalty will reflect that."

Two other organisations, Adult Community Education (Dundee) and Angus College in Abroath, were fined £5,000 and £2,500 for their involvement. Both pleaded guilty under the Health and Safety at Work Act. Sheriff McKenzie said: "Two lives have been lost

count the considerable difficulty and effects in penalising what are essentially charities." Elizabeth Crowther-Hunt,

executive director of the Prince's Trust Volunteers, said after the hearing that everyone was deeply upset by the deaths: "It is clear that our health and safety procedures, which had proved adequate. over many years, were insuffi-cient on this occasion. We have made our procedures clearer and put in place new measures to do everything we can to prevent anything like this happening again. The health and safety of the young people on our programme is our highest priority."

The 12-week course had been advertised in local newspapers as "fun, free and challenging". Volunteers who formed Team 26 travelled to North Ronaldsay to repair a ten-year-old drystone dyke along 12 miles of the island's coast. The Prince of Wales, who visited the island in 1993, had seen the damage done by storms, and for four years volunteers reinforced the wall.

But when they arrived last summer, the volunteers were told by Billy Muir, the chairman of the community council, that they would be workand, to reflect that, sums must ing on a section made from be high, but I also take into acconcrete. "Had safety been

high on the agenda, it would have been obvious this project was well outside the competency of this group, said Graeme Napier, the Procurator Fiscal. A health and safety examina-tion after the accident concluded that the collapse was "en-tirely foreseeable".

The three organisations expressed their sympathies to the victims' families. David Stewart, solicitor for The Prince's Trust, said: "In the tragic circumstances which brings us here, the trust ac-cepts they should have done more to ensure provision for risk assessment training." Mr Stewart said the trust had no idea that the work which led to the accident was being carried

out by volumeers. Since 1976, the trust has provided grants, training and study programmes for more than 150,000 youngsters.



The Duke of York receiving a Fijian warriors welcome yesterday on the island of Bega, in the South Pacific. The warriors chanted as they waded out of knee-deep water carrying the Duke, who was pro-

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or platform. To mark his visit to Sauwan village during his five-day tour of Fiji, the warriors per-formed a traditional firewalking ceremony over

white-hot rocks, a feat for which they had been preparing for a month. As is customary, the Duke was presented with a whale's tooth, the equivalent of the freedom of the city or village.

Asian boy invited BNP to school

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE British National Party, which campaigns to repatriate immigrants, was invited by an Asian pupil to address boys at

The Master of Dulwich College, Graham Able, has disclosed in a letter published in The Times today that "a sixthformer of Asian background asked the BNP's press officer to speak to pupils on Monday. The school has been exploring the "extremes of British politics", with other speakers comist Workers

Party and Anti-Nazi League. Searchlight, the anti-fascist magazine, condemned the school for inviting a BNP speaker to South London, where the black teenager Stephen Lawrence was mur-dered. The 18-year-old A-level student was stabbed in 1993 at a bus stop in Eltham, the third such murder in the area in two

at what happened in Eltham. where they have pumped out this trash for years, and what it has led to. The last place they should be is near children."

Dulwich College has a high proportion of pupils from eth-nic minorities. The latest inspection by the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Confer-ence said: "The mixing of cultures and races and the mutual respect and understanding displayed are particularly im-

pressive features." Chris Field, the De ter, said he had spoken yesterday to teachers who had taken sixth-formers for lessons immediately after the Monday lunchtime meeting of the Sociology Society. "The boys had realised they were listening to an intelligent man, but who had misguided ideas," he said.

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Portrait of the artist's house as a lost cause

A CHILDHOOD home of the city-centre council, last James Joyce has been flattened to make way for an apartment block, despite an order to preserve its façade. Fans from around the world had campaigned for two years to save the building, which features in Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man and Finnegans Wake.

Dublin Corporation is considering legal action against the developer, who says that the building's dilapidated state was a danger to children. Four fires in the past year have caused extensive damage to the walls and roof.

oyce was 12 when the family lived at Millbourne Avenue. Drumcondra. The writer had been born into wealth in 1882. but his alcoholic father drank the family fortune. The family had to addresses in 20 years. moving each time to evade

rent arrears.
Ken Monaghan, the writer's nephew, was "deeply saddened" by the demolition. He said: "It would be ridiculous to think that all the houses Joyce lived in could be preserved as museums or mementoes, bul it would have been nice to preserve Millbourne, because it really captures the descent from the good days to the bad

year gave developers the right to build apartments provided they maintained the exterior of the two-storey house built in 1890. It was razed on Sunday. In Portrait of the Artist as a

Young Man. Joyce's most inlensely autobiographical work, the Millbourne scene has Stephen Dedalus, the novel's main character, returning from a day at university to find his brothers and sisters sitting in penury around the

Dedalus "pushed open the latchless door of the porch and passed through the naked hall-way in to the kitchen. A group of his brothers and sisters



were sitting around the table. Tea was nearly over and only the last of the second watered tea remained in the bottom of the small glass jars and jam-pots which did service for tea-

Mrs Joyce gave birth to her 11th child in Millbourne Avenue, although the infant died shortly after birth. Joyce re-ferred to the house in Finnegans Wake as "2 Milchbroke. Wrongly spilled.

Patrick O'Rourke, the developer, said that he was unaware that Joyce had lived in the house. He said he thought the most famous owner had been an archbishop.

Millbourne is the second of Joyce's former homes to be demolished. Vivien Igoe, author of James Joyce's Dublin Houses, fears that developers will now raze 15 Usher's Island, another of the houses and the seting for the powerful short story The Dead. The house is rundown and its windows are blocked up by corrugated iron.

"It is such a pity to see this happening when our economy is booming," she said. "We only need to preserve the buildings and put up a plaque to remind people about Joyce. But we don't seem to be able to



Before: the childhood home where the 12-year-old Joyce experienced poverty that he never forgo



Now: the building has been flattened despite a two-year campaign. The developer says it was dangerous

Soldiers on exercise poisoned by fumes

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

SOLDIERS had to be treated in hospital yesterday after being overcome by exhaust fumes during an exercise.
The 77 men from the Royal

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers were working in a disused hanger at Hullavington RAF base in Wiltshire when they were taken ill with carbon monoxide poisoning. After tests, 58 were detained and the rest discharged.

The soldiers were taking

part in a four-week exercise designed to test their abilities to service and repair military helicopters in adverse conditions. Health and safety experts were last night examining a generator thought to have been the source of the furnes. The alarm was raised at

Opm on Monday night when one of the soldiers had difficulty waking up from an off-duty break. Several others also complained of feeling ill.

An army spokesman said:
"When they deploy on operations such as this, they have to work in difficult conditions without electricity and so on. such as they might find in places like Bosnia.

They use small mobile generators to power their tools and equipment. These generators have a flexible exhaust tube, which is fed through a gap in a door or window.

This is supposed to take all the exhaust furnes out. How it came to be that exhaust fumes were in the building is what we are now investigating."



Relief road protesters dig in for long fight

By Adam Fresco

AS LIGHT broke over their camp yesterday, protesters against the building of the Birmingham northern relief road woke to the voice of the Under-Sheriff of Staffordshire ringing in their ears.

With his feet planted firmly in the muddy field and a mega-phone in his hand. John James, supported by a group of men he had sworn in as sheriffs, was there to warn the protesters that their time was out and get the road built.

He told them that they were now officially trespassing and faced arrest anyone who refused to leave the site off the A38 at Weeford, Staffordshire. would be made to do so. The demonstrators, who had barricaded themselves inside a laby-rinth of tunnels on the proposed route, bolted their hatches and went to their positions. As they did so, Mr James, a 56-year-old solicitor, set up

camp in the next field, bringing in the heavy equipment he would need to get the protesters out and the building of Britain's first private toll motorway off the ground. Muppet Dave, a veteran of

several road protests, said the bailiffs faced obstacles never previously employed by road protesters. They are believed to have dug a network of tun-nels that lead to a separate bunker. 20ft deep and 15ft square, constructed with reinforced concrete threaded with steel and are said to have food and water to last a month.

Mr James said the physical eviction would not begin until secure compounds had been built. "I am pleased to be able to say that the commencement of the eviction process has begun satisfactorily."

Stabbed social worker turned down new post

A SOCIAL worker fatally

southwest London, on Mon-

Anthony Joseph, 26, a former patient al a psychiatric hospital, was yesterday charged with the murder and will appear in court today.

Mr Joseph was admitted to had been found a place at the

minor assaults previously, by other clients, there was nothing to suggest that her appointment on Monday was anything other than ordinary. Ms Morrison joined the

council as a secretary and typisi 21 years ago, becoming a traince social worker in 1979 and gaining qualifications at

BY ADRIAN LEE AND CLAUDIA JOSEPH

stabbed at a hostel for psychialric patients had declined promotion to management because she wanted to be on the front line of the care system. Jenny Morrison, 51, a

former typist who had risen to become one of Wandsworth council's most experienced social workers, specialised in working with the mentally ill. Ms Morrison, a single par-

stabbed eight times in the stomach during a routine visit to a council hostel in Balham,

Springfield mental hospital, in nearby Tooling, at the begin-ning of the year. By June he hostel where he could be further assessed. Ms Morrison. his social worker for two years, made regular visits. Although she had suffered

the West London Institute. Helen Dobson, the council's

assistant director in community care, said: "She was a quite extraordinary woman who had worked her way up the profession. She had a natural affinity with people who were vulnerable. I thought she had

the potential to go into management but she said it was not for her. "She felt her interest and skills were in dealing with her clients. She wore her heart on her sleeve."

Two inquiries will be held into the death. One will involve Wandsworth council, which ran the hostel, the local health authority and the Path-

finder Mental Health Services NHS Trust, which provides treatment at Springfield. A public inquiry will be chaired by a barrister. Although Ms Morrison had not received any self-defence

training, colleagues said she was capable of looking after "She had a very good sense of judgment," Ms Dobson

said. "She would not have placed herself in danger." Ms Morrison lived alone, in

Wimbledon, but had a long-'term partner who teaches at an American airforce base. Her daughter, Tanya, 29, who lives in Essex, said: "She died doing the job she loved."

The dead woman's sister, Sandra Foster, 53, said: "She came out of school with no qualifications and worked hard - morning, noon and night. She fought for those people." The hostel is a halfway

house for people with mental health problems, but not severe psychiatric disorders. Yesterday it was closed.

Ms Morrison's death reo-

pened the debate over care in the community. Michael Howlen, director of the Zito Trust, said: "The severity of the artack raises questions about why such patients are out in these hostels without stronger supervision."

Hairy mice point way ahead to baldness cure

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

skin cells sprout hair could be the long-awaited cure for ii has already created a

superhairy breed of mice. One day it may restore hair to millions of men for whom every day is a no-hair day. Normally, hair follicles are produced only in the womb. Once they die, they cannot be replaced. Now scientists at the University of

Chicago report in Cell that they have identified a molecule, beta-catenin, that instructs adult cells lu revert lo an embryonic-like state and become hair follicles.

This is exciting because current treatments for haldness work only if there are

A MOLECULE that makes living follicles left, or if the patient undergoes hair transplant surgery," says Elaine Fuchs, who led the experiments, "Our research shows that new follicles can be crealed from adult skin cells if certain molecular players are induced to act."

The experiments involved introducing a gene into mice that made them produce a constant supply of beta-cat-enin in their skin. This process caused some skin cells to produce a second molecule. called LEF-I, which joined with the beta-calenin to turn skin cells into follicles.

The mice were indeed exceptionally hairy, but there was a snag. The proliferatinn of fullicles led to benign

tumours forming. "This is a case of loo much of a good thing leading to a bad thing," says Professor Fuchs. More work needs to he done to achieve hair growth without potentially dangerous side effects, such as cancer. One way might be to express beta-catenio in skin cells only up to a certain point and turn it off once cnough

follicles have

With luck, this would ensure an adequate supply of new hair while preventing tumour formation. The findings could also have a flipside, she says. Il could be used to halt unwanted hair growth, or to engineer sheep with denser fleeces.

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45mph cyclist caught on the tail of lorry

A CYCLIST caught doing 45mph just a foot from the rear of a lorry was fined yesterday for riding without due care and attention.

Peter Archer, 36, a racing en-thusiast who pedals 18 miles a day to and from work, admit-ted the charge, but said that he was doing only 37mph. "I may be fit, but I'm not the bionic

man," he said after the case. In October 1997 police stopped a housewife on her bicycle, riding at 43mph through a radar trap. Ros Jones, 43, of Carmarthenshire, had been advised to take up gentle cycling by her slimming instructor.

Archer said that a computer on his bicycle told him that 37mph was his maximum speed when the offence oc-curred on July 7. He said that be was at least 6ft behind the lorry on the Al41 in March, Cambridgeshire. He was fined £35.

Police estimated, by judging his speed against their speedometer, that he was doing 45mph on his mountain bike

in the slipstream of a lorry on the rural road, which had a

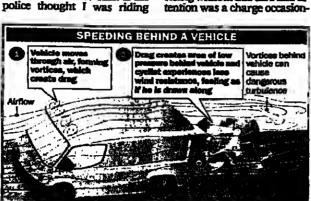
Fenland magistrans were told that Archer ignored police signals to pull over. He said he thought that the officers were

gnalling to the lorry driver. The father of two, from March, condemned the decision to prosecute him as petty. "I couldn't reach 45mph unless I was very, very fit and had a much better bike. If the badly, surely a warning would have been enough. At least five times a week I see people do-

ing silly things in cars.

Taking me to court is extremely petty. I am sure there are real criminals who are laughing at this because it took the spotlight off them." PC Vic Smith, Cambridge

shire police's Casualty Reduction Officer, declined to comment on the case but said that riding without due care and at-



ally levelled at cyclists. In June 1997 the Government an-nounced a clampdown on bad cycling, saying that cyclists who rode without due care and attention would face fines

of up to £1,000.

Cyclists call it "drafting"—
the trick of slotting in behind
another cyclist in a race and getting a pull. It works evenbetter with a truck, if you are

foolbardy enough to try it (Ni-gel Hawkes writes). "A rider is very unaerody-namic," said John Bradshaw, a mathematician and cycle enthusiast from Lancaster University. "It's all those bits stick ing out that do it." This means that the top speed that can be reached by an ordinary cyclist, even downhill, is 45mph, but far higher speeds are possible behind a large vehicle. The record is 166.94mpb, set

at Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah in 1995 by Fred Rompelberg, of Holland. He rode be-hind a large windshield, tucking in to the region of low pressure immediately behind so that he was dragged along.



Peter Archer denied doing 45mph: "I may be fit, but I'm not the bionic man"

Prisoner on hunger strike for 50 days

By PAUL WILKINSON

A PRISONER entered his 50th

day of a hunger strike yester-day in protest at government policy on vivisection. Barry Horne, an animal rights extremist jailed for a bombing campaign, received final rites in a pagan ceremony in the prison hospital on Sunday. Doctors at Full Sutton are preparing to transfer him to intensive care in hospital of the prison are preparing to transfer him to intensive care in hospital of the prison are prepared to the prison tal in York if his condition becomes worse. Friends say he now cannot leave his bed and

is close to unconsciousness. Horne, 46, has stipulated that he should not be put on life-support, should he become unaware of what is going on. The Animals Betrayed Coali-

tion said that he had offered to end his strike if a date was set for a royal commission on animal experiments, and that La-bour had promised this before the election.

The Prison Service said that it was deeply concerned at his condition. A spokesman said that the consultant monitoring his condition reported that he was currently stable.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Disabled boy wins £3m claim

A 12-year-old boy severely brain damaged at birth was awarded £3.25 million damages at the High Court in Lon-

don yesterday. David Reynolds needs fulltime care because of cerebral palsy. He was born at Poole General Hospital, Dorset, in May 1986 in a forceps delivery. He did not breathe for 18 minutes. East Dorset Health Authority also agreed to pay legal costs and £27,500 compensation to Susan Reynolds, 44, for internal injuries suffered during the delivery.

Funfair rescue

Funfair revellers on a "whiteknuckle" ride were stuck in mid-air - some upside down - for 45 minutes before rescue by ladder in a suspected hydraulic failure at Aberystwyth. Seven were treated for shock and bruised muscles.

Hedgehog abuse

A man was fined £75 for playing football with a hedgehog. Neil Woodyatt, 20, of Waunlw-yd, South Wales, was charged with causing unnecessary suffering to a wild mammal after police saw him kicking it. The hedgehog was unhurt.

Hot on the trail

Detectives found 212 stolen antique fireplaces worth about £500,000 in two raids in Luton and Ampthill, Bedfordshire. One fireplace made from Italian marble is alone worth £10,000. Possible owners were urged to contact Luton police.

Reliant stung

Police laid spiked metal "stinger" strips around an industrial state in Fleetwood, Lancashire, to puncture the tyres of a runaway Reliant Robin. Its driver had eluded bigger police cars by driving through a small hole in a fence.

Jet's crew lose dog, but gain a hamster

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

A FLIGHT from London to Melbourne proved to be fraught with difficulty for a pet owner who lost her dog, and a for hamster that lost its owner. Airline staff admitted defeat vesterday in their efforts to reunite them all.

The first to go absent without leave was a bull mastiff, which broke free from its cage to go walkabout in the cargo bold of the Boeing 747. The dog is thought to have left the British Airways plane on its own without being noticed dur-

ing a stopover at Bangkok.

The dog's Australian owner disembarked in Sydney only to be told that her pet was missing. Staff searched the cargo hold and the huge airport to no avail.

"We have no idea how he got away, but he is definitely spokeswoman. "We think he must have nipped off on transfer at Bangkok.

"We are very sorry for this. We carry more than 1,000 dogs a year without any problem, but we simply can't find this one."

The owner, who lives in Syd-ncy, has been offered two free tickets to Bangkok as compensation for her loss last Satur-

day.
The hamster was an unofficial traveller and was spotted scampering down the aisle on the Bangkok to Sydney leg. It is believed to have fled from hand baggage in the passenger cabin.

Once cornered, it was looked after by airline staff but no owner has admitted responsibility for breaking interna-tional aviation law by taking the pet on board without re-

porting to the authorities. "We are still waiting for someone to come forward, but we will have to let animal welfare officers look after it if no one accepts responsibility,"

said the spokeswoman. Shot man 'broke into own home'

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

A POLICE marksman shot dead a man who had locked himself out of his home after his girlfriend reported an armed burglary in progress, an inquest was told yesterday. Michael Fitzgerald, 32, was

mistaken for a burglar after his girlfriend, Melanie Jay, reported seeing legs disappear through the kitchen window and did not recognise him. It later emerged that Mr Fitzger-ald, an unemployed railway worker, had left his house keys

in a jacket in a pub.

Police evacuated people from their homes after being told that the man had also been seen with a gun. Marks-men surrounding Mr Finger-ald's home in Bedford in Feb-

ald's nome in Bedford in February saw him lean out of a window, brandishing a gun.

The inquest was told that officers had spent 90 minutes trying to talk to Mr Fitzgerald on the telephone. But, when he leant from the window and pointed the gun, one police-man had fired. Mr Fitzgerald's weapon, which turned

out to be a replica Colt 45 pistol, led to the first fatal shooting involving Bedfordshire Po-lice since its officers were armed 13 years ago. A postmortem examination showed that he died from a single shot. The dead man's sister, Mary, said: "Somebody could have contacted a member of the family. Nobody knew what had happened. The operation went too fast."

The jury at the Bedford inquest was told that the officer who had fired the shot had been taken off firearms duty. but had not been suspended.

Detective Superintendent Trevor Davies, of Thames Valley Police, who was appointed by the Police Complaints Anthority, said that he had found no basis for criminal hability in the actions of any individual officer. The case was also referred to the Crown Prosecution Service, which decided that there was no justification for criminal proceedings.

The inquest, which is expected to last four days, continues.



HIV cases rise as the young spurn condoms

Pop star joins safe sex crusade, writes Helen Rumbelow

available as Coca-Cola to defeat the continuing rise of HIV among young people who ig-nore safe sex rules, the International Development Secretary. Clare Short, said yesterday as it was revealed that 10,000 Britons under 25 are carrying the

"If Coca-Cola can manage to be available everywhere, then so can condoms," Ms Short said on the release of a UN report which showed that there were nearly six million new cases worldwide last year.

Teenagers and those in their early twenties are the most at risk. In Britain, the under-25s make up half of the total number of infections, which have been steadily increasing to more than 2,500 new cases a

The promise of a cure, or at least the effectiveness of new drug freatments, may be making young people less afraid of the disease, said the report on the Aids epidemic. Powerful and expensive combination therapies reduced deaths from Aids by more than a quarter in

Britain last year.
The projected figures for

this year are even lower, 250 deaths, falling from 381 in 1997, 500 in 1996 and 1,276 in 1992, ACET, a leading British Aids charity, said. In America deaths have dropped by two thirds since the arrival of the new drugs in the past two

However, infection rates in Britain are nearly double that of 1989, when awareness of the disease was at its peak. That year 1,500 people caught the vi-

Ms Short, launching the report in London in advance of World Aids Day on Tuesday, said that it was more important than ever that the danger of Aids was made clear. There's a horrible sense of complacency in the West, that it's all peaked and under control. It's not, it's a disaster."

The pattern in Britain is repeated across the globe, with ree million young people catching the disease this year more than five every

The first move to making condoms more available is the appointment of William Roedy, the executive director of MTV, the pop music chanto the UNAids programme. His first venture on their behalf will be a half-hour documentary on Aids that will be presented on World Aids Day

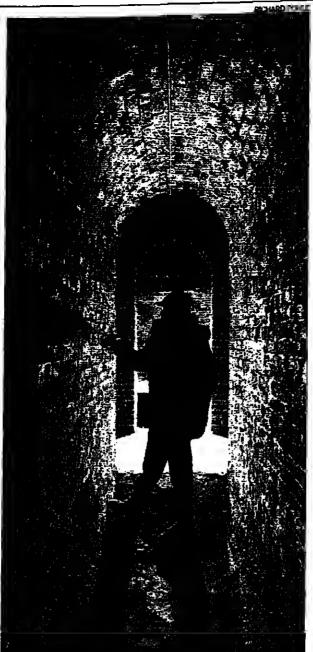
by George Michael. The show is the first time a awards ceremonies have been shown on MTV's 17 local chan-

nels across the world.

It opens with Michael against swirls of pink latex and dance music, saying: "I know you don't get to see me on camera very often, but now it's time to listen to what I have to say." His words will be translated into seven languages, with the message that "con-doms are cool, using them is cool, hip and trendy," said Mr

Peter Piot, executive director of UNAids, said that, in the few countries of the world that had managed to reverse rates of Aids infections, such as Uganda, Thailand and Tanzania, condom use was crucial.

The female condom had been a surprising success, he said, as women in Africa were keen to be put in charge of



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combines children and pro-

fessional musicians in bands.

in 1846 to the design of Rob-

ert Stephenson, the railway

engineer. But after 12 years it

was taken over by Gilbey's

Gin as a bonded warehouse.

It was adopted as an arts cen-

tre by Wesker in 1964 and

also served as a launchpad

for rock acts such as Pink Floyd, the Rolling Stones, the

The Roundhouse was built

ONE of Britain's most successful toymakers is to transform the Roundhouse in Camden into a creative centre for young people.

Torquil Norman, a former chairman of Bluebird Toys. bought the former railway engine shed in North London for £3 million in 1996. He plans to revive the interior, which staged such controver-sial productions as Oh! Cal-cutta! in the 1960s, as a performance space, with up to 1.200 theatre seats and standing room for 2,700 at pop concerts. "We can have the whole range of music and the atre that made the Rouodhouse famous under Arnold Wesker, as well as circus and even dodgem cars," he said.

Below the building he has discovered a huge brick vaulted imdercroft that will become the new creative centre. He is convinced that it will deliver the Government's goals of cultural diversity, wider ac-cess and less social exclusion in the arts. He said: "A kid without qualifications or training can come here and cut a disc, make a tape or a video or become involved with the theatre production."

Recently Mr Norman's trust held a music workshop with 100 children, who worked for five days to put a coocert on stage with the rock group Stomp. Mr Nor-man has enlisted five main

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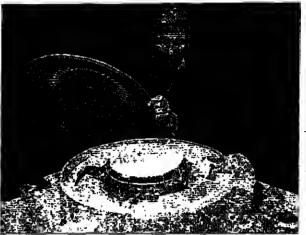
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Doors and Jimi Hendrix. It associates to help to run the closed in 1983. new centre: YCTV, which

Plans by the architect John McAslan include a new glass staircase tower and an allglass restaurant on the north side. With the engineer Tony Hunt, who worked on the Eurostar terminus at Waterloo, Mr McAslan has designed a "coolie hat" roof laid over the

existing structure. If Mr Norman's applications for £12.5 million grant from the Arts Council and £45 million grant from Heritage Lottery Fund are successful, the hopes to start work late in 2000 and reopen in 2002. He has already committed £6.2 million from his own



Torquil Norman lifts the "coolie hat" lid on the plans

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Pupils may be shown real crash footage

BY GILLIAN HARRIS SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A POLICE force will decide today whether teenagers should be shown graphic video footage of road accidents in an at-tempt to shock them into driv-

Officers attending a meeting of Northern Constabulary's police board in Inverness will see mangled bodies being cut from wreckage and placed in body bags, before giving approval for the footage to be shown to sixth-year pupils throughout the Highlands.

The force, which has the worst road accident record in Scotland, is the first in Britain to consider showing 17 and 18-year-olds the aftermath of an accident. The video being considered includes a clip in which a camera pans over the crumpled remains of a family car. From the contorted limbs and the blood-filled mouth, it

is clear that the driver is dead. Relatives of the victims, who gave their permission for the footage to be shown, include Reg and Cathy Turner from Alness, in Easter Ross, whose sons. Greg, 18. and Russell, 24. died in separate car crashes within three years on the same stretch of road.

A police spokeswoman said: "Children nowadays are very sophisticated. Other forces use actors but you cannot fool teenagers. If people are prepared to pay money to see Saving Private Ryan, which includes images of soldiers being blown apart, they can cope with seeing footage of dead people."

Acid fall worker saved by colleagues

By A CORRESPONDENT

A WORKER who fell into a pool of sulphuric acid solution was saved from serious injury colleagues who showered him with chemicals.

Kelvin Beynon, 29, tumbled into a 3ft-deep pool of the corro-sive liquid while working at an anodising plant yesterday.

He swallowed some of the corrosive fluid and inhaled fumes, but serious burns were avoided by his quick-thinking workmates, who went to his aid after he scrambled from the vat. Mike Walden, managing director of Anocoil, in Miltort Keynes, said: "Thankfully, the workers on duty followed

our safety guidelines."
Firefighters doused Mr Beynon with water before ambulance crews tended his burnt skin. Stan Jones, an assistant divisional fire officer, said: We hosed the man down. It was important to make sure that he was decontaminated." An ambulance spokesman "When we arrived he was having breathing problems and had burns to his eyes

Mr Beynon, an anodising operator at Anocoil, which uses the 20 per cent acid solution to treat aluminium used in strip lighting, was taken to hospital. A spokesman at Milion Keynes General Hospital said: "He was treated but has been discharged."

Mr Walden said: "We are investigating what Kelvin was doing when he fell into the acid." He did not know from what height Mr Beynon had



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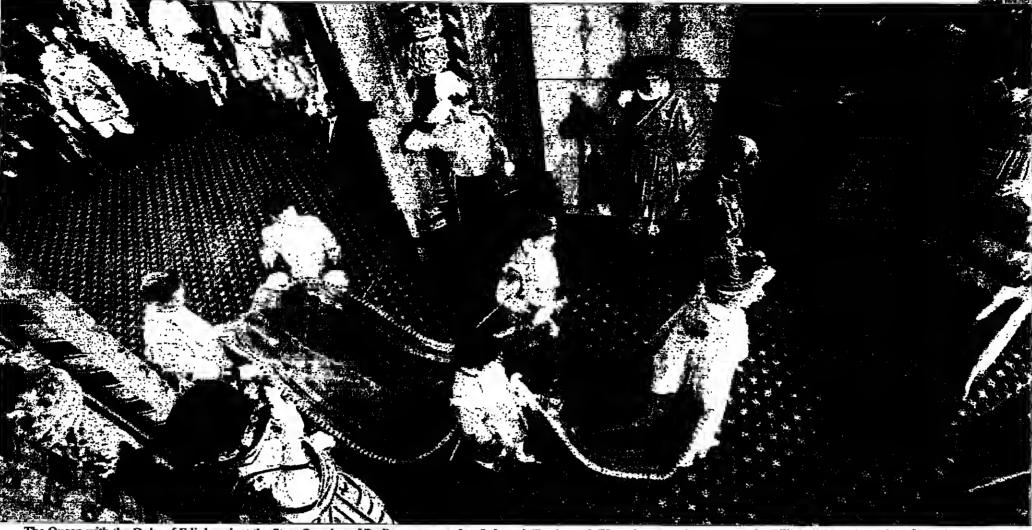
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THE QUEEN'S SPEECH



The Queen with the Duke of Edinburgh at the State Opening of Parliament yesterday. Labour MPs shouted "Hear, hear" as she announced a Bill abolishing the rights of hereditary peers

A SUMMARY OF THE BILLS

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Bill to modernise legal aid.
Bill to overhaul social security cluding reform of disability benefits, split of pensions on divorce, introduction of second-■ Sill to bring in the Working Families Tax Credit and Disabled Persons Tax Credit.

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Bill to merge Contributions Agency and In-

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in England and Wales.

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Bill to remove right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in House of Lords

Bill to reduce age of consent for homos als to 16 in England, Wales and Scotland and 17 in Northern Ireland.

Bill to modernise immigration and asytum

Bill to convert Commonwealth Developent Corporation into public-private partner-

Reintroduction of Bill to bring in proportional representation for European parliamentary

Measure for Government to recoup from insurance companies cost to NHS of treating traffic accident victims.

■ Draft proposals on a Freedom of Informa-

Truly, madly, democratic Lords have no peers

t was an historic day in the House of Lords. It only needed Mick Jagger to gyrate down the chamber singing "This could be the last time". Which would not have seemed odd, since this State Opening was remarkable for its atmosphere of Mick-and-Jerry-style glamour, as well as

its unaccustomed noise. The din was the rumble of "Hear, hear" that crupted from Labour MPs when the Oueen came to the bit about ending hereditary peerages. The royal voice was fearless as it uttered these radical sentiments, and the "Hear, hear" was clearly audible. Interrupting Her Majesty! Nobody had ever heard of such a thing. Stunned, Bateman cartoon faces turned to glare towards the miscreants: the Labour MPs who had just been led in by Black Rod to assume their traditional huddle at the end of the chamber. "New Labour, No Manners", harrumphed Baroness Strange as she swept monumentally out of the central lobby afterwards.

Lord Archer of Weston-Super-Mare emerged with sever-al new wrinkles, etched by rage. "I am absolutely disgusted," he huffed. "Next to me sat my friend Robert Ferrers the 13th Earli who told me he had never in 44 years in the House heard anything so disgraceful as interrupong the Queen's Speech." But Lord Archer would be all in favour of wresting the earldom from his friend's heirs, however. Hadn't he begged Michael Howard to get in quick and reform the Lords before Labour did? Mr Howard said there was neither ome nor inclination. But Lord Archer's reform would have been painless: ex-



Valerie Grove is amused by an atmosphere of pop-star glamour nearly 30 years after she attended her last State Opening

most of them in about ten years," he bearned. "Simple!" It is nearly 30 years since I last attended this amusing oc-

casion, a galling reminder of how many of my contemporaries and even juniors are now ennobled, sometimes on mystifying pretexts. But for the most part it is déjà vu all round: the nursery rhyme thrones, the flunkeys and flummery. Rouge Dragon Pursuivant, Alice in Wonderland stuff. The sheer absurdity of dressing up in tiaras and long evening gowns on a dark, wet November day. The long-suffering hubbub as the ermined ones wait for the procession of playing-card figures. The way the Duke of Edinburgh arranges his princely limbs in the perfect consort's pose. The delicious mis-matchings of placements, everyone so huggermugger they sit squeezed with people they'd never dream of having to dinner, but find they quite like chatting to after all.

Josephine Hart, the novelist, whose husband is Lord Saatchi, in plunging black velvet and an Edwardian diamond-and-pearl collar, made best friends with Marianna. wife of Lord Falconer of Thoroton, Mr Blair's Cabinet fixer. Lord Bragg found himself bunched up with the elegant Gita Feldman, wife of Baron Feldman, Tory party stalwart.

isting hereditary peers would The presence of a film star had continue to sit until they everyone craning at Jamie Lee dropped dead. "We'd be rid of Curtis, demure and slender in understated dignity with her

short, severe haircut and simple gold laurel wreath, among the ambassadors' wives and tiara'd pecresses. But nobody could identify her husband. Christopher, the 5th Baron Haden-Guest, though the rumour spread that he had appeared as a boy in The Go Between. But for sheer glamour Pauline Prescott, up in the gallery with Cherie, outshone the jewelled ladies below in a stunning, scarlet Ascot hat the size of a bucket. There were other harrumph-

ing matters: poor Lord Irvine of Lairg's failure to back away from the Queen (he turned his back on her instead). But at least he was still in the stockings he finds so tiresome, while Margaret Beckett opted daringly for the trouser suit. another break with tradition. This may indeed have been

the very last State Opening of its kind. Which might partly account for the Gioconda smile worn by Baroness Jay of Paddington. But if it is, I think we shall miss the hilarious incongruity of the Lords as we know it — scions of ancient families cheek by jowl with jumped-up street traders (did you ever see anyone more like a barrow boy than Lord Harlech?), which is, after all, more truly and madly democratic than a meritocracy.

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must be 'deserved'

By Alexandra Frean SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A PROFOUND cultural shift in people's attitudes towards welfare is the aim of the Welfare Reform Bill. It will emphasise self-help and forcing people to prove that they "deserve" their state benefits.

The key will be the creation of a "single gateway" to the benefits system, which will require all claimants of working age to attend a mandatory interview with a personal adviser as a condition of receiving welfare. Only those obviously too disabled or ill to work will be exempt. In the same vein, the "all work test", which currently determines entitlement to disability benefits, will be replaced with an "employability test". The idea is to shift the focus from finding out what work people cannot do to what they can do.

The Bill will also contain provisions for a Disability Rights Commission, which will have similar powers to the Commission for Racial Equality and the Equal Opportuni-ties Commission to back legal action supporting the rights of

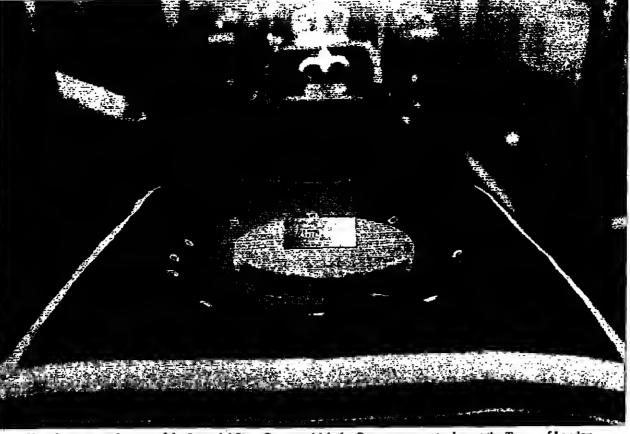
people with disabilities. There will be more help for those disabled at birth or at a very early age, severely disa-hled children and those who

WELFARE REFORM

need round-the-clock care. The criteria for claiming Incapacity Benefil (IB), for those too sick to work, will be tightened. Under what may turn out to be the Bill's most contentious measure, people who have not paid National Insurance contributions in the past two years will no longer be eligible for IB unless they have been caring for a dependent relative and re-

ceiving invalid care allowance. While welcoming the creation of a Disability Rights Commission, disability campaigners expressed deep reservations about the new IB rules. Lord Ashley of Stoke, co-chairman of the Parliamentary Ali-Party Disablement Group, accused the Government of breaking its moral obligation to National Insurance contributors. "This will mean that someone who has paid Nationat Insurance for 20 years but unemployed for more than a year will be ineligible for fB if they become disabled."

The Bill confirmed for the first time that self-employed people and workers with no company pension will be encouraged to take out "stakeholder" retirement plans to top up their state pensions. There will also be new provisions on pension-sharing on divorce.



Situation vacant: the case of the Imperial State Crown, which the Queen wore yesterday, at the Tower of London

NHS market will be abolished



By Mark Henderson

THE NHS internal market and GP fundholding are to be abolished in the modernisation of the health service.

A Health Bill will sweep away the previous Government's most controversial changes and replace GP fundholders with primary care groups, which can commission services. The Bill also provides for the setting up of pri-GPs and community nurses. who can provide services. The

Government aims to end the competition inspired by the internal market, which it says pitted hospitals, doctors and nurses against one another in the fight for funds. GP fundholding, which ministers say has created a two-tier system under which fundholders can secure swifter, better treatment for patients, will also go.

There will be an independent body, the Commission for Health Improvement, already nicknamed - Chimp. with strong powers to audit hospitals and send "hit squads" to run those it deems to be failing, tt will "name and shame" doctors who fall below set standards, and start disciplinary procedures where necessary.

Professional self-regulation will be oghtened, with all parts of the NHS given a statutory duty to provide high-quality care. Ministers hope the measures will restore public confidence in doctors, his by a number of recent cases.

A separate Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Bill will make easier for hospitals to reclaim the cost of treating accident victims from insurers. Private hospitals reclaim such costs as a matter of course, but the NHS has been fettered by hureaucracy.

A new unit will seek up to £10.000 per patient from insurers, saving a potential £500 million a year for the NHS. Average premiums are likely to rise by about £10 as a result.

Ann Widdecombe, Shadow Health Secretary, said the new primary care groups would "turn doctors into pen-pushers" with no benefit for patients. "GPs will lose the autonomy to improve patient care ... Rationing and regulation

are being introduced through Labour's new quangos and the whole system is being bureaucratised from top to bottom."

Stephen Thornton, chief executive of the NHS Confederation, which represents trusts and health authorities, said: "Il is a huge agenda which is supported by NHS organisa-tions but will require a cultural revolution . . . It will take a

number of years to gel right." Rabbi Julia Neuberger, a lay member of the General Medical Council, feared the effect of the changes on doctors: This name and shame culture will demoralise doctors without improving things for patients."

Car charges to raise billions for London

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

NEW laws allowing motoring charges to be imposed in London will enable the capital's elected mayor to raise up to El hillion a year.

Legislation to create the new mayoral post and the Greater Londoo Authority will also include powers to charge companies for staff parking spaces. left to the new bodies to decide, and the authority will be

The legislation for London is expected to be followed by legislation for further motoring charges across the country. Ministers have asked local authorities to volunteer for trial projects to test the practicality of charging motorists.

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year could be raised by imposing charges of up to £1,000 on each workplace parking space. Resulting improvements in traffic flow could save businesses up to £400 million annually.

A standard motoring charge

of £400 a year for those living in Central London has been proposed to ministers, giving Details of the charges will be car owners a "travel card" that could be used for cars or public transport in a tightly defined allowed to keep most of the area. Transport advisers are proceeds to improve transport split over whether to recommend a simple system of paper permits, displayed in car windscreens, or a more sophisticated and expensive electronic tagging scheme under which roadside beacons would "charge" in-car smartcards.

The latter system, which could cost more than £200 million to set up, would operate either through a cordon system, ed that £600million could be in which drivers are charged raised annually through road as they pass a particular point, charges across greater Lon-don. A further £400 million a scheme based on miles driven.

Mayor to control eight areas of life

BY ROLAND WATSON POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE first directly elected mayor of London will preside over a 25-member assembly and hold sway over eight broad areas of life in the capital.

He or she will also appear at a monthly question time that, depending on the incum-bent, could provide a rival attraction to Prime Minister's Questions in the Commons.

The Greater London Aothority Bill will create one of the most powerful political posts outside the Cabinet. The mayor will have direct command over a new body. Transport for London, which will be responsible for co-ordinating the Tube, roads, taxis and river travel as well as influencing the running of commuter

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trains. A 23-member Police Authority for Londoo will report to the mayor, rather than the Home Secretary, as will a 17-strong fire and civil emer-

gency authority.

The mayor will be expected to draw up strategies for planning and attracting investment to the capital, and will have responsibility for culture and the arts, public health and the environment.

The mayoral office, together with the authority and assembly, will be funded largely by a grant from central Government. The mayor will have the power to raise extra money through London council taxes, although limited by

Council 'hit squads'

By Alexandra Frean LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MINISTERS will have new powers to send in "hit squads" to deal with failing councils under the Local Government (Best Value and Capping) Bill. New "external audit and in-

spection" systems will be sel up. The Bill will also scrap compulsory competitive ten-dering (CCT), under which councils must put out to tender the provision of services such as refuse collection. CCT will be replaced with a "best value"

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system, requiring councils to review services every five years, to set performance targets and to publish achievements in the local press.

Ministers will retain powers to limit excessive council tax increases, but will be able to take local circumstances into account. Councils which overspend will be allowed to reduce their budgets over a number of years. Plans for directly elected mayors in England have been delayed.

Fog of war obscures Lords battlefield

The House of Lords will never be proper-ly reformed until the party leaders start thinking seriously, rather than merely exchanging vacuous slo-

William Hague yesterday championed "our independent second chamber", while the Prime Minister attacked the permanent dominance of the Lords by Conservative hereditary peers. Both claims are misleading and ignore the main question the powers of the House of Lords in relation to the Com-

Of course, the Lords is not really independent at present. The Upper House was at times a nuisance to the Thatcher Governments. But apart from a few human rights and constitutional issues, this opposition had no impact on the main Thatchcrite programmes, such as privatisation and trade union reform. The Lords has an in-built Tory majority which may not be apparent day-to-day among regularly allending peers but can be mobilised on anything important. Labour Governments suffer from defeats in the Lords far more often than Tory ones do.

Tony Blair is wrong to talk about a battle of hereditary peers versus elected MPs. This implies that it would have been all right last week if the Government had been defeated just on the votes of life peers rather than hereditaries. This is nonsense. What was wrong that the uncleated

House (both hereditary and life peers) hreached constitutional conventions in overturning the views of the Commons five times.

The Conservatives talk as if a perfect constitutional settlement is being upset by new Labour vandals. In reality, an unsailsfactory second chamber has been kept alive by the self-restraint, until now, of their lordships. Peers have accepted that their job is largely to make up for the inadequacies of the House of Commons in considering legislation. which are now at last being

The whole balance is now, however, being upset. Mr Hague made much of the creation of a "House of Cronies". Enough of the creations since the general election fit that label for it to stick, even though my hunch is that the Lords will turn out to be quite iroublesome for Mr Blair after the hereditaries have been removed. That will underline the unstable nature of the transitional arrangements.

The main ballle will now be over that interim phase. Mr Hague argued for delaying legislation on hereditaries until the promised royal commission has reported and people are able 10 see where the Government is go-ing. That is a canny approach, though Mr Hague will find it hard to escape be-ing depicted as defender of

the hereditaries. Mr Blair repeated his pledge that no single party would have an overall majority in the reformed Upper House, that a strong independent crossbench element would be preserved and that the Prime Minister would relinquish his present sole right to recommend life peers. These are significant safeguards. But there is still uncertainty over timing.

addy Ashdown urged the Government to make early progress on setting out their plans and a short timetable, with the royal commission reportmg "not later than the

spring of 2000". Mr Blair did announce that Labour would be setting out, as a submission to the commission, "what the finai stage of reform should look like" (as il did to the Neill committee on party funding).

However, the Govern-ment seems to be taking rather a dilatory attitude to the pace of reform. The signs are that nothing may happen until the new year. This is partly to ensure that the row over the Lords does not derail the rest of a crowded. legislative programme. But the sooner the Government declares its thinking on the long-term future of the sec-ond chamber, the better its chance of succeeding where its predecessors have failed over the past century.

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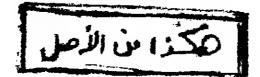
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Spring date for Lords reform

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR is likely to delay und next year the introduc-tion of a Bill expelling heredi-tary peers from the House of Lords to avoid the Government's entire legislative program becoming bogged down by fierce Tory opposition.

The Government yesterday confirmed that it would bring forward this session a Bill abol-ishing the sitting and voting rights of hereditary peers, but ministers want to get other measures onto the statute book before becoming in-volved in any drawn-out battle over Lords reform.

The Bill is not expected to be put before the Commons before next spring. Although it will end peers' right to vote in the Lords, it will give them the right to vote in and stand for parliamentary elections.

The Tories have promised to abide by the Salisbury Convention, under which the Lords do not throw out manifesto commitments of a new Governable to delay the Bill with end-



THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

less debates and amendments. For more than 200 years, convention has decreed that the Monarch is heard in respectful silence, but Labour peers and MPs responded to the Queen's announcement of the Bill with growls of "hear, hear". The Queen paused momentarily, and peers later voiced their shock and anger at the unprecedented rudeness and breach of tradition.

Lord St John of Fawsley, the former Tory minister, said that such disrespect to a mon-

was deeply shocked. It is an ab-

solute disgrace," he said.
The Government's plan to delay the introduction of the Lords reform Bill is not with-out cost. Because the Lords can delay the Bill for at least 13 months from the time of its second reading in the Commons, the longer the Government takes to introduce it, the longer it must delay other planned legislation on hunting and the right to roam, which has been postponed until after the expulsion of hereditary peers.

When they finally introduce the Bill, the Government will also publish a White Paper on further reforms, including arrangements for a new commission to supervise the appointment of life peers during the interim period. The White Paper will also establish a Royal Commission to consider reforms to make the Lords more "democratic and representative". The Government has admitted that it could be two years before the commission's report is published.

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Fashion stakes: Margaret Beckett, Leader of the Commons, went for the modern look yesterday with a black tuxedo trouser suit. Cherie Blair was more traditional in brown, while Pauline Prescott opted for scarlet

Unions cry foul

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WORKERS' RIGHTS

THE Government is still negoti-ating on the most contentious is sue in its new workers' rights legislation, statutory union rec-

ognition.
Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, has angered unions by considering employers' demands to water

down elements of the white pa-per published last May.

As part of the Fairness at Work Bill unions will be able to win recognition if more than 40 per cent of the workforce vote in favour, but employers are resisting a separate proposal that unions be automatically recog-nised if more than half of the workforce are members. They also oppose plans to raise the

ceiling oo compensation for in-dustrial tribunal appeals from £12,000 to £50,000.

A TUC delegation has al-ready warned the Prime Minister not to water down the Bill and some trade unions have threatened to withhold funding from the election campaigns in Scotland and Wales next year if he bows to employer demands.

Shake-up for It's irrelevant, says Hague legal aid

THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

By Frances GIBB

A CRIMINAL Defence Service that will award contracts to top lawyers for criminal work is a central plank of the biggest shake-up of legal services in 50 years. The present El.6 billion legal aid scheme, created in 1949, will be dismantled and replaced with a system of fixed price contracts under an Access to Justice Bill.

The new service will employ lawyers on salaries and contract lawyers in private practice to handle all criminal work, from advice at police stations through to cases in court. At the same time, all civil legal aid funds will be be provided through a system of contracts under a Community

The Law Society said that any arbitrary limit on the number of law firms doing legal aid work would restrict client choice. Michael Mathews, president, said: "This is a serious concern in the area of criminal defence work where a client's ability to choose their own legal representative is a basic human right.

WILLIAM HAGUE attacked the Government for offering the public a programme of legislation that had "everything to do with the priorities of the La-bour Party and nothing whatsoever to do with the priorities of the people of Brit-

ain" (Mark Inglefield writes). Opening the Commons debate on the Queen's Speech, the Tory leader turned to the plan to withdraw the voting rights of hereditary peers. Mr Hague predicted

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it would hang like a "millstone around the Prime Minister's neck".

He accused Mr Blair of wanting to neuter the House of Lords. The argument for "closed lists" for the European Parlia-ment elections had made "the strongest case possible for a second chamber with

independence and integrity".

Tony Blair, defending the reform of the Lords, said it would mark an end to "the feudal domination" of 750 hereditary peers. He pointed out that the centrepiece of the legislative programme were the measures to improve the NHS, schools, law and order and welfare.

Clash likely over gay sex

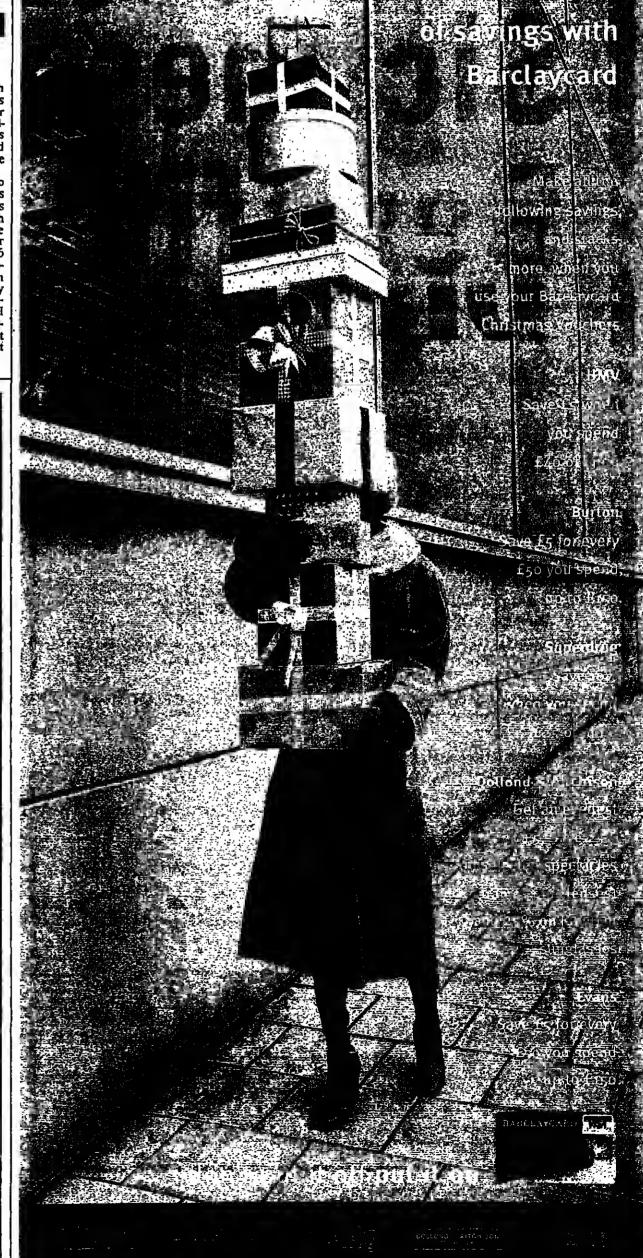
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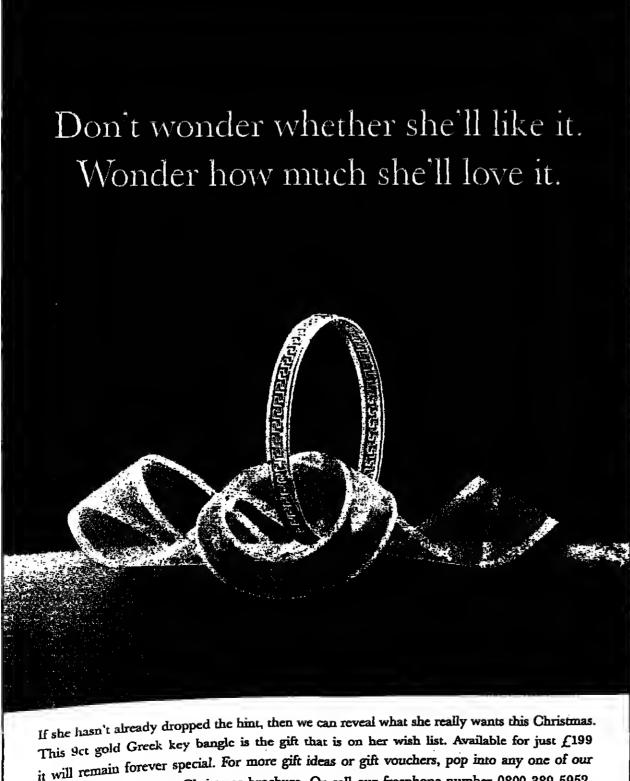
By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government risks a fresh clash with the House of Lords over its plan to press ahead with lowering the age of consent for homosexuals to 16. Ministers have decided to reintroduce the measure despite its defeat in the Lords in the summer and opinion polls showing that the public are opposed to allowing gay sex at 16.

Jack Straw hopes to persuade peers to back the move by introducing safeguards to protect teenagers from sexual advances from those in authority. The Bill, which will be on a free vote, will make it a crime for a person in a position of trust over youngsters to make a sexual advance to 16 and 17-year-olds. The new offence will apply in strictly limited circumstances, such as where a young person is particularly vulnerable or in residential care and education. Teachers and social workers will be banned from having sex with youngsters under 18 in their care, but it is not thought the law will apply if a teacher is at one school and the pupil at another.

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Asylum-seekers lose benefits to save £250m

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

ASYLUM-SEEKERS are to lose their right to social security benefits under reforms of an immigration system overwhelmed by economic mi-

The Government is seeking to cut by half the estimated £500 million asylum-seekers cost each year and to let the world know that Britain is no longer an attractive destination for economic migrants. rather than genuine refugees. Ministers have described

the existing immigration system as a shambles and say that because of the backlog 110,000 refugees whose claims have been rejected would have to be removed by 2002. Last year there were 32,500 asylum applicants and the figure is expected to be 38,000 this year: there were 4,000 in 1988.

A new national agency is to be established to provide sup-port for asylum-seekers: among other services, it will provide vouchers to be exchanged in shops for food and clothing. They are to be dis-

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persed around the country in bed and breakfast accommodation, hostels and disused council housing that they will have to take. The aim is to ease the burden on London boroughs such as Lambeth and Brent

To speed up the handling of appeals — there is a backlog of 23,000 - the existing two-tier system is to be replaced with a single mechanism headed by a High Court or circuit judge. Immigration advisers are to be regulated to end abuses that have led to people from the ethnic minority communipaying substantial amounts for bad advice. There have also been reports of unqualified advisers being involved in the provision of false passports and urging people to make up false stories about persecution.

Nick Hardwick, of the Refugee Council, said the Government had chosen a high risk strategy that risked replacing one shambles with another. The Medical Foundation for



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the Care of Victims of Torture gave warning that torture sur-vivors could be deprived of medical treatment because of the Government plans. The foundation, which treats more than 50 refuge and day at its centre in North London, fears that if they are the formations they are cations they in no longer have access in ippropriate care or to community groups and assistance groups and assistance bodies concentrated in the Lonon area. 🐧 Helen Bamber, the foundadon area.

tion's director, denounced the

for race relations." Local authorities which take the burden of dealing with asylum-seekers welcomed moves to disperse applicants. Chris Lean, of Dover District Council, said the town's annual bill for housing 400 asylum-seekers was £70,000, although Kent County Council was paying for education and other

abuses abroad," she said.

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will make entry more difficult

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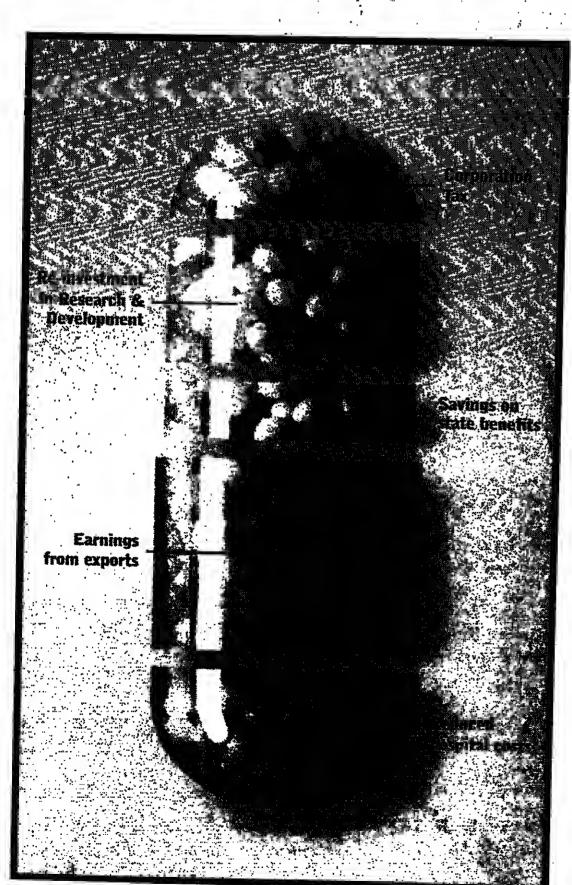
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gration advisers will be good



These eastern European refugees, waiting to enter Britain at Calais, decided not to try after others had been turned away

Sickness Benefit.



This year, the National Health Service will spend £6 billion on medicines - about 25 pence per person per day.

In return, the pharmaceutical industry will re-invest some 20% of its annual turnover in the search for new and Improved medicines.

This investment will benefit the National Health Service by helping to reduce hospital admissions and saving over £10 billion a year on patient care.

The value of medicines goes far beyond supporting the NHS. The pharmaceutical industry provides employment for more than 300,000 people and exports over £5 billion of medicines a year, producing one of the country's largest trade surpluses of £2 billion.

Over the past five years pharmaceutical companies have committed over £2 billion in capital investment, and more is planned.

The benefit of the industry is also felt within the Treasury as pharmaceutical companies in Britain pay hundreds of millions of pounds in Corporation Tax each year.

But perhaps the industry is least known for its investment in education, funding half of all post-graduate training for GPs and supporting universities to the tune of £100 million a year.

If all this good work is not encouraged, it wouldn't just be the industry that would fall sick.

It would be the country. The Association of the

British Pharmaceutical Industry 12 Whitehall London SW1A 2DY

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'Education is Government's top priority'

Queen's Speech to Parliament yesterday:

MY LORDS and Members of the House of Commons, this is my Government's second legislative programme. Like the first, it will focus upon the modernisation of the country. My Government will continue with economic policies designed to

build stability for the long term, making the United Kingdom well placed not just to weather the international financial storms but to emerge stronger

from them. The central economic objectives of my Govemment high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.

My Government believes the decision to give the Bank of England the power to set interest rates has been crucial to the meeting of its inflation target.

Education remains my Government's top priority. A consultation paper will be brought forward on the most far-reaching reforms of the teaching profession in 50 years to enhance the status of teachers and reward

high performance. My Government will con-tinue to build a modern National Health Service. A Bill will be introduced to replace the NHS internal market which put hospitals, doctors and nurses in competition with each other. In its place will be decentralised arrangements based on part-nership, quality and efficien-

My Government will continue to tackle crime and its causes. A Bilt will be introduced to modernise the youth courts and to give greater protection for vulnerable witnesses in crimi-Government

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legislation to modernise legal aid to make the system fairer and more cost ef-My Lords and Members of the House of Commons, my Gov-

made clear its determination to modernise the welfare state. A Bill will be introduced giving greater help to those in need by reforming benefits for people with long-term illness or disabilities, and modernising benefits for

My Government will continue to work in partnership with business, and welcome the improved relations between business and trade unions. They will bring forward measures to establish

This is an edited text of the a balance of rights and responsibilities for employers and employees.

My Government have fulfilled their commitment to establish a Scottish parliament and a Welsb assembly. In Northern Ireland, my Government will continue to work towards the full implementation of the Belfast Agreement.

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to remove the right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords. It will be the first stage in a process of reform to make the House of Lords more democratic and representative. My Government will publish a White Paper setting out arrangements for a new system of appointments of life peers and establish a Royal Commission to review further changes.

My Government propose that a draft Freedom of Information Bill be given prelegislative scrutiny. My Government are com-

mitted to tackling global poverty and promoting sustainable development.My Government will play a leading role in preparing the European Union for the historic challenge of enlarge-ment. In particular, they will work to secure reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and Structural and Cohesion Funds.

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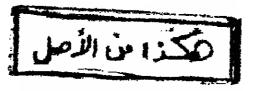
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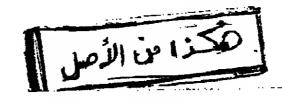
tion to the problems in Kosovo. My Government remain committed to the effective promotion of human rights worldwide My Government see this

as a substantial set of measures sceking to meet the important and difficult challenges before us.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons: I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

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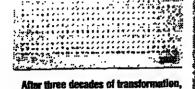
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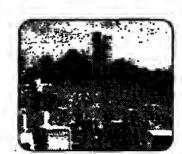


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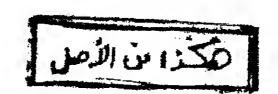
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'Slave hotel' of Saudi prince angers Egypt

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ALLEGATIONS of outrageous behaviour towards serv-ants and Egyptians by a bigspending Saudi prince and his foreign bodyguards living in a Cairo holel are threatening a diplomatic crisis between Egypt and Saudi Arabia. The dispute is one of several

in recent years since Prince Turki bin Abdul Aziz -- one of six full brothers of the ailing Saudi monarch, King Fahd took up residence in the Ramses Hilton. It came to light this week when two servants were seriously injured after escaping by lowering themselves on knotted bedsheets from a window on the 29th floor of the 36-storey hotel overlooking the

Ahmed Nureddin Ahmed, a butler, and Ahmed Abdel-Satar, a cook, told police that the 55-year-old prince had locked them in a room after they complained of mistreatment. They said they had not been paid for five months and that other servants were still locked up on the 28th and 29th floors of the hotel, where the Saudi entourage has been in



Prince Turki: escaping

costly sole residence for many years. According to hotel employees and police sources from the nearby Bulaq district - one of Cairo's notorious inner-city slums - the two were hurt when they jumped to a balcony on the 24th floor.

An Egyptian journalist said that he and other guests were prevented from getting to the floors by a large squad of private bodyguards led by an exmember of the French Foreign Legion. In the past, complaints of thuggish behaviour by bodyguards of visiting Sau-di royalty have frequently royalty have frequently

authorities to avoid embarrassing publicity. This time, 27 members of the Egyptian parliament are pressing the Gov-ernment to explain how the Prince was able to keep his servants locked in the hotel with impunity.

Led by the ruling party depu-ty, Yehya Shaalan, the MPs have demanded a public debate in the People's Assembly concerning the fate of nine Egyptian servants who, it is claimed, have been locked up for several months.

Relatives of the servants have also filed requests with the public prosecutor's office demanding their release. Na-bih al-Wahsh, a lawyer, added to the scandal by asking a Cairo court to order ministers to expel the Prince from Egypt.

According to diplomats, he has lived in the country for many years, since falling out with his brothers over his marriage to a Saudi woman of Moroccan origin. At the time, he had amassed a large fortune in his role as Deputy Defence

Stories of profligate spend-ing dogged the family and forced him to seek exile in



State hopes soar as Gaza opens airport

Rafah, Gaza Strip: Palestinians hailed their first airport, inaugurated yesterday, as a symbol of statehood and a sign that the peace process with Israel was moving forward.

Crowds of men, women and chilan aircraft on the ground, cheered,

danced and sang as nine aircraft flew in from Arab states and Europe to a red-carpet welcome from Yassir Arafat, the beaming Palestinian leader. God willing, aeroplanes will fly from this airport carrying pilgrims to Jerusalem," Mr Arafat said in the airport VIP lounge, the roof of which is

topped with a golden orb shaped in the style of the Dome of the Rock mosque in the Holy City.

Until now, he has had to be driven to El Arish in Egypt to fly abroad since his arrival in Gaza in 1994 after the The opening of the airport, built

with \$250 million (£150 million) in deferred loans, was stalled for 20 months in the freeze that had beset Israeli-Palestinian peace making. An agreement allowing it to operate was signed last Friday under the Wye interim peace deal, which the two sides negotiated

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Iraqi groups plead for funds to fight Saddam

IRAQI opposition leaders yes-terday urged Martin Indyk, the US Assistant Secretary of State, to back American promises of support with substantial political and material backing for their fight to overthrow

President Saddam Hussein. At a meeting in the Ameri-can Embassy in London, Mr Indyk met the 16 leaders of the various London-based opposition groups who had talks with Derek Fatchett, a Foreign Office Minister, on Monday.

The meeting came as Iraq accused America and its allies of trying to split the country through military action and sanctions. Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister, told the opening of a poetry festival in Baghdad: The tyrants and the evil of the world. America and the Zionists, and whoever is serving their interests and schemes today seek — as they did in the past and failed — to humiliate Iraq and bring it to its knees by threatening de-struction." But he added: They have forgotten that they have tried and failed before and they will fail this time

Iraqi newspapers also called the United States and Britain "uncivilised and immoral" for trying to rally exiled Iraqi dissidents to oust Saddam, al-Jumhuriya newspaper said. America and Britain had begun promoting their "evil ideas" of interfering in the nation's inter-nal affairs after they had failed to destroy Iraq.

"What kind of morality have the ruling authorities reached in the two imperialist states? What kind of naive thinking do those gullible and deluded people have in understanding the reality of the Iragis and the determination of its leaders? the paper asked. The Americans have pro-

mised some \$97 million (£60 the American Embassy

American official hosts talks with exile factions in

London, reports Michael Binyon

million) in aid to opposition groups, but have made no specific pledges of arms supplies. Britain has flatly refused to discuss weapons deliveries. At their meeting on Monday, Mr Fatchett advised them to outline to Mr Indyk what other support the West could give -including the setting-up of a broadcasting station.

Iraqi papers yesterday did not comment on the assassination attempt on Izzat Ibrahim, vice-chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council. He escaped death in the Shia Muslim stronghold of Karbala in southern Iraq when two grenades were hurled as he stepped from his car to represent Saddam at a religious ceremony on Sunday. Instead, the press vehemently attacked



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Richard Butler, the chief United Nations weapons inspector. "What this accursed devil wants is unequivocally what the United States wants. This is why he is like an enraged bull, like a Satan instilling evil in every crisis provoked by America against Iraq," the

newspaper said. Russia yesterday also attacked the meeting of opposi-tion groups with British and American officials. The Foreign Ministry yesterday regretted that "certain countries, including Britain, have called for the overthrow of the Iraqi regime". It said: "Only the Iragi people must decide problems with their Government."

iraq announced yesterday that Nizar Hamdoon, its longserving Ambassador to the United Nations, is to be re-placed. His place will be taken by Saeed Hasan.

The move is part of a shake-up of 25 senior Iraqi represent-atives overseas, which also sees the replacement of Barzan Takriti, Saddam's half-brother - who was earlier recalled as representative to the UN in Geneva - by a former Baghdad University Dean of Law. Nabil Nejm, the Iraqi Ambassador to the Arab League, has been replaced by a former chairman of the Iraqi parliament's legal committee.

Saddam's half-brother, who was rumoured to be on the point of defection, has been granted a "courtesy extension" to stay in Switzerland until the end of the month, after the recent death of his wife.

Mr Hamdoon, formerly an ambassador to Washington, was one of the most popular and influential Iraqi envoys overseas. He has shown consistent loyalty to Saddam, but his easy manner and Western ways may have made him suspect in the leader's eyes.

Disillusion grows over South Korea's 'sunshine policy'

FROM DAVID WATTS IN SEOUL

THE more South Korea tries to woo the Communist North the less it gets in return. Hardliners in both Seoul and Pyongyang are making the "sunshine policy" of Kim Dae Jung, the South's President, hard to justify.

The South Korean and American military commands are reportedly updating Plan 5027 — the swift occupation of the North that would follow any attack on the South which includes the possible use of nuclear weapons. A Seoul newspaper claimed yesterday that Pyongyang had already tested

a trigger for a nuclear bomb. Just as Iraq plays hard to get with United Nadons access to its weapons programme, so North Korea is now denying American access to what is suspected to be a

new nuclear site. Diplomats in Seoul say that the US is in a dilemma over how to handle this Iraq of the

James Lilley, formerly the US Ambassador to Seoul, said: "It's absolute blackmail. Clinton has dug himself into a hole on this one. Every time we make a demand it's \$300 million (£184 million) for this or 300,000 tons of grain for that It's time the US got out of the way and left policy to the South Koreans. They know

how to handle them."

Mr Lilley argues that the
Agreed Framework is a failure. Under the deal, the US will pay up to \$4.5 billion, Japan \$1 billion and South Korea will fund 70 per cent of two light-water nuclear reactors promised to the North for electricity generation in return for an end to its nuclear pro-



President Kim: detente with North is under fire

gramme. increasingly, South Korean academics outside the Government agree with Mr Lilley and say that President Kim must draw the line.

The South Korean leader is trying to bring change to the North through business, investment and tourism.

Nothing could better illustrate the contradictions of the "sunshine policy" than an inci-dent last week when a South Korean cruise liner made the first tourist visit to a North Korean port. At almost exactly the same time that it was docking, with hundreds of tourists bringing cash to the east coast of North Korea, a Communist spy boat was racing through South Korean waters on the west of the peninsula.

Whether it was intending to drop off or pick up an agent is unclear but the South Korean military failed to spot it and is once again in hot water.

But a former government of-ficial said: "While our tourists are going up there, they are de-veloping rockets and selling weapons. The sunshine policy is inherently limited in dealing with the North."

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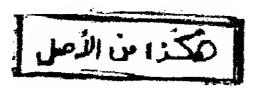
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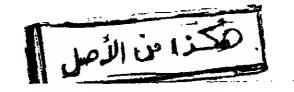
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Marbles lose out to God and mammon in great Greek debate

AS THE Prince of Wales discovered to his annoyance during his visit to Greece this week, few local politicians can resist the opportunity to make an impassioned public appeal for the return of the Elgin Marbles from the Brilish Museum.

Dig a little deeper, however, and the issue, which at times seems to dominate Anglo-Greek affairs, hardly raises an eyebrow among ordinary Greeks, who feel a far greater affinity with their Byzantine heritage than with nneient Greece. For some time now, politics and its na-

tionalist symbols heve been losing their attraction for the Greeks. Austerity, uncertainty over the euro, and the chances of being able to buy a new car next year and get that summer home fixed up all now weigh more on the public consciousness. Ancient Greece, or

the modern conception of it, understanda-

The heritage issue so dear to politicians leaves voters cold. writes John Carr from Athens

bly looms large in the modern Greeks' sense of themselves. Throughout this century, however, the classical past has been sed intu service as a flagwaver.

Its latest function is that of a boost for politicians thirsty for public applause. Despite polite yet firm rebuffs from Tony Blair and Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary. Athens repeats its demand ome and again. Evangelos Venizelos, the Min-ister for Culture, with an unerring eye for publicity, has made the Marbles the central theme of an irredentist foreign policy in which diplomatic conventions and niceties, not to mention the Foreign Minis-

tive opposition party. New Democracy, has avoided sticking its neck out. Given the political capital to be made, however, that stance could soon end. Hours before the Prince of Wales bent his ear to Mr Venizelos's latest appeal, the conservative and highly popular Mayor of Athens, Dimitris Avramopoulos, reinforced the

There is no logical reason, the official Greek argument runs, why the Marbles should not be returned to their home-land, there to be exhibited and viewed as an inalienable part of Greece's past. Diplomatic battle was first joined in 1982 by the late actress. Melina Mercouri, the

Minister for Culture in the country's first Socialist Cabinet. Despite her propagandist'talents, the Greck case was weakened from the beginning by its political angle. Any mention of the Greek relics in the Louvre, for example, was avoided so as not 10 embarrass the French Socialist Government. The Greek stand was then hastily modified to emphasise that the Marbles in the British Museum are a missing part of the unified Parthenon

This abstract argument leaves large gments of the Greek public cold. There is a sense of resentment about having to beg for anything at all, combined with an aversion to things elassical that is traceable to the compulsory teaching of classi-cal Greek in schools until the mid-1980s. Many, if not most, Greeks recall the ordeal of memorising Homer and Xeno-

phon with a shudder. The Parthenon is visible from hundreds of flats, offices and hotel rooms and familiarity may have bred contempt. I was recently told of a taxi driver who, while near near the Acropolis, pointed to the hill and boasted to his passenger that in half a century of being a cabbie he had "never once set foot

on that thing".
Unwilling to be taken for lourists, most Greeks only visit the Acropolis on school trips. It is no accident that it is Greece's foreign community, including a good many Britons, that has been petitioning for the Marbles' return.

Greece's most popular figure is Archbishop Chrisodoulos, head of the National Orthodox Church, the sole remaining symbol of the pomp and spirituality of the Byzantine Empire. This is no coincidence. Byzantium, not the Athens of Pericles, is the cultural, political and adminis-trative forerunner of modern Greece.

The break in the nation's historical continuity, somewhere around the 3rd century, was a sharp one. The result is a confusion over identity. Greek school texts. while rhapsodizing about the battle of Marathon, go on lo gloss over the fact that the early Byzantine emperors, who equated Ancient Greece with pagan unbe-lief, executed philosophers, abolished the Olympic Games, and converted the Par-thenon into a church.

Mr Venizelos, according to most accounts, really believes in his mission. What remains unclear is how hard the Greek Government is willing to press its demand for the Elgin Marbles while an indifferent public looks on.

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Bishop in **business** scandal resigns

BY MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A GREEK Cypriot bishop at the centre of numerous fraud allegations involving spectacular amounts of money in several countries, including Brit-ain, has been forced to resign by the island's Orthodox Church. Bishop Chrysanthos of Limassol escaped the humiliation of being defrocked, but was suspended for two

His business dealings have made local headlines for months, damaging the reputation of the Church, which has also been rocked by a series of sex scandals.

A Limassol priest was defrocked last month after abandoning his wife and four children to clope with a Romanian striptease artiste.

Cypriot police are also investigating another priest. who was allegedly blackmailed into drug dealing after being photographed naked with a transvestite.

The activities of Bishop Chrysanthos first came under the spotlight in the sammer, when he was named by four people arrested in Britain in connection with an alleged £2 million fraud. Two Scotland Yard detectives spent several

weeks in Cyprus.
The bishop denies the accusations and insists he has stepped down only for the good of the Church.

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Mossad agent quits in latest spying fiasco

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

A SENIOR official of Mossad. the Israeli intelligence ngency, has reportedly resigned after the third bungled spy operanion in e year — the arrest of two agents in Cyprus. The Israeli Hebrew daily

newspaper, Haaretz, reported yesterday that the Mossad chief, Ephraim Halevy, had accepted the resignation of the operations chief, who is known publicly only as "Y".

"Before it was determined who was responsible for the foul-up. Y took ministerial responsibility upon himself for it," the paper said.

with tape recordings of police conversations and surveillance devices near an army base on the Mediterranean island earlier this month.

Friday. Their request for bail was denied and they were ordered to stand trial on December 8. The agents, Udi Hargov, 27, and Yigal Damary, 47, who were caught in the coastal vil-

lage of Ziya, have also been charged with illegal posses-

The two agents were caught

They were charged with spy-ing in a court in Larnaca last

sion of wireless equipment for espionage use and conspiracy to commit a crime.

The two have claimed they are innocent, but their arrest has soured relations between Cyprus and Israel and came only days after President Weizman ended the first official visit to the Mediterranean island by an Israeli head of

Cyprus has accused the two of operating with a "specific intelligence institute whose headquarters is in Tel Aviv". Police on the island have also said the two were spying on behalf of Turkey, which has a defence ct with Israel.

The Israeli Government has not acknowledged publicly that the two are Mossad agents, saying only that they did not spy on behalf of Turkey and were not trying to hurt Cypriot interests.

The operations chief also offered his resignation earlier this year after Swiss police arrested five Mossad agents for allegedly spying in a residential area of Bern. A former Mossad chief, Danny Yatom, resigned in February after a failed attempt to assassinate Khnled Meshaal, a leader of Hamas, the militant Islamic group, in Jordan.

The incident led to a bitter attack on Israel by King Hus-sein of Jordan, regarded as the closest Arab ally of the Jewish State, bul Y was apparently not involved in that operation. While Mossad has recently fallen from glory, its reputa-tion remained unscathed after

scandals - the arrest in 1985 of Jonathan Pollard. An American Jew employed in US Navy Intelligence, Mr Pollard spied for Israel under special unit of the Israeli

one of Israel's greatest spying

Ministry of Defence. There was much debate in Israel after the disclosure that such a unit was engaged in espionage and not subject to Mossad supervision.

The Government of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, has recently attempted to secure Mr Pollard's release. But the affair has left American intelligence agencies distrustful of their counterparts in the Jewish



Ephraim Halevy, head of Mossad, who is reported to have accepted the resignation of his operations chief, known as "Y", after two agents were arrested in Cyprus

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Hopes of Cyprus missile deal rise

WESTERN hopes are rising of a deal to halt the deployment of Russian missiles in Cyprus and the threatened Turkish military retaliation (Michael

Binyon writes).
President Clerides of Cyprus yesterday had talks in London with Sir David Hannay. the European Union special representative, before going to Athens, where he is likely to face pressure to postpone or cancel the missile deployment on the Greek side of the divid-

ed island. Any deal would be based on a moratorium on military flights over Cyprus. This could be used as a pretext by the Cyprus Government to declare that the missiles were no longer needed. Sir David yesterday described his talks with Mr Clerides as positive, but re-fused to give any details.

He recently held talks in Ankara, which sources suggested also went well.

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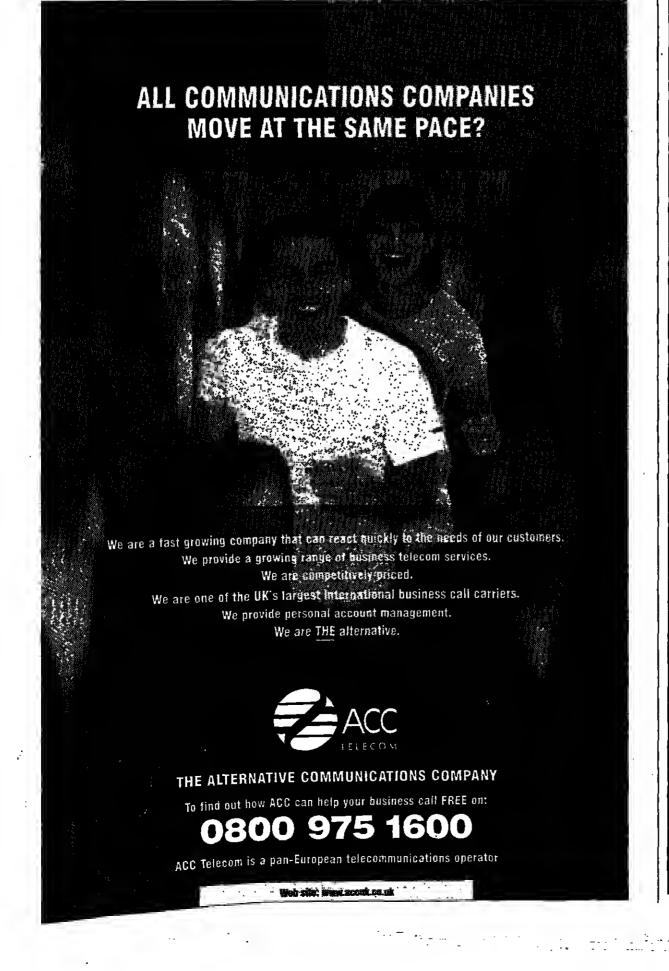
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Funeral bares desperation in Russia's soul

THE funeral yesterday of Galina Starovoitova, the murdered reformist Duma deputy, has provoked an outbreak of mass

soul-searching in Russia by politicians and the electorate. As leading democrats gath-ered in the Marble Hall of the Museum of Ethnography in St Petersburg to pay their re-spects before the burial at the Aleksandr Nevsky Monas-tery, they were united both by their grief and by their desire to turn Mrs Starovoitova's death into something positive for Russia.

The extent of the country's lawlessness and corruption has been exposed beyond doubt and there is a pervasive feeling that this assassination is the last straw for those alThe murder of a Duma reformer has united the

nation, writes Anna Blundy ready sickened by the per-

ceived moral decline since the end of the Soviet era. An editorial in Izvestia stated: "Evil fears nothing today because it knows that it will not be punished. The proof is in the numerous high-profile crimes that have never been solved, in the widespread embezzlement and bribe-taking by govern-

for democracy and reform. they want to scare us?" asked Anatoli Chubais, one of the leading architects of Russian reform, after the funeral.

However, neither he nor Mr Chubais is free from the accusations of corruption that saturate Russian politics. Both are apparently included in the CIA report, claiming to represent conclusive evidence of cor-

cal asylum after being de-

tained in Rome on November

14. Italian judges ruled that

Mr Ocalan, who is deemed by

Ankara to be a terrorist respon-

cal), in the unprecedented theft by bankers who have instantly robbed hundreds of thousands of their clients, and finally in the rise of fascism in Russia." Mrs Starovoitova's death, which Dmitri Yakushkin,

Boris Yeltsin's press secretary, has said is partly to blame for the President's continuing hospital treatment for pneumonia, is thought to have been linked to her intention to run for the governorship of the Len-ingrad region. Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist whom Mrs Starovoitova hoped to beat in those elections, told the RIA news agen-cy: There is a feeling someone is clearing space ahead of the St Petersburg polls." Certainly the killing is seen

as an attack on the movement "Do they want to stop us? Do

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the former Prime Minister and leader of the Our Home is Russia party, spoke at the funeral, saying that Russia's democratic forces should unite against the country's communists and

the businessman. sent conclusive evidence of cor-ruption, that was submitted to on the part of Mr Yeltsin and



the office of Al Gore, the American Vice-President, in 1995.

Mr Yeltsin himself, whose anti-corruption ticket won him the presidency, has also been the subject of claims of illegal activity. Viktor Ilyukhin, a Communist at the forefront of the failed campaign to impeach the President and to have him retired on health grounds, has produced documents seeming to give Presi-dent Yeltsin the right to con-trol 26 per cent of shares in ORT, a television company owned by Boris Berezovsky.

The President's administra-

the scheme has been widely dismissed as something cooked up by Aleksandr Ko-rzhakov, Mr Yeltsin's former

bodyguard. Mr Berezovsky is at the centre of a separate scandal precipitated by his claims that the Federal Security Service (FSB) had issued orders to kill him. President Yeltsin has ordered an investigation into corruption in the FSB after this and other reports of murder plots, kidnappings, extortion and infiltration by organised crime groups. Mr Berezovsky's claims,

backed up by several FSB officers, have been flatly denied by Vladimir Putin, the organisation's director and the man at the head of the Starovoitova investigation, who is threaten-ing to sue for libel.

Mr Berezovsky has been active in the recent campaign against anti-Semitism by the Communist Party, brought to the fore by the rampantly anti-Semitic and unchallenged remarks of a leading Communist, General Albert Makashov. The increasingly bla-tant xenophobia of the Communists prompted Itogi magazine to feature a photograph of Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader, on its cover with a Hitler-style moustache scrawled over his top lip. Mr

Zyuganov, whose party is also

in a disoute with Russia's media, demanding censorship, is threatening legal action against the magazine.

The Communists and their nationalist allies have been publicly blamed for the death of Mrs Starovoitova, but Mr Zyuganov believes that the Russian experiment with democracy is the real culprit.

He says that the changes in Russia since the Soviet era have led to "new attacks on state security and interior agencies by liberal radicals". Few Russians nowadays have any faith in the integrity of their politicians or businessmen. Claims by Grigori Yavlinsky, a liberal radical and Ya-

bloko party presidential candidate, of corruption in the Government and allegations that many government positions have been bought for bribes are supported by 63 per cent of

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Muscovites. ☐ Political target: Shots were fired at the home of a politi-cian in St Petersburg, the Inter-fax news agency said. The police did not say if the incident was connected to the murder of Mrs Starovoitova.

The shots were fired at the windows of an apartment belonging to Konstantin Serov. 32, who is standing for re-election to the St Petersburg as-

EU threatens trade war over Kurd leader

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union yester-day stepped belatedly into the crisis between Turkey and Italy over Abdullah Ocalan, the Kurdish separatist leader, to warn Ankara that it would face sanctions if it enforced a boycott of Italian goods.

Jacques Santer: President of

the European Commission, said any Turkish embargo against Italy over its refusal to extradite Mr Ocalan would breach agreements between the EU and Ankara and lead to retaliation.

Boris Nemtsov. former Deputy Prime Minister, with Mrs Starovoitova's mother, Rimma, at the funeral

Mr Santer's words were warmly received by Massimo D'Alema, the Italian Prime Minister. The Turkish authorities have banned the purchase of Italian goods for public sible for the deaths of thoubuildings and threatened fursands, could not be sent to a country where he would face ther sanctions to demonstrate anger over Italy's refusal to extradite the founder of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), who applied for politi-

the death penalty.

Ankara: Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish Prime Minister, yesterday relented on his insistence that Mr Ocalan be extradited to Turkey and said he might instead be extradited to Germany or sent to a third



Carlos: vigorous stream of self-publicity

Jackal's jail fast ends 'by order'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

CARLOS the Jackal, the jailed terrorist who has ended a hunger strike after 20 days, insisted yesterday that he was stopping his protest because he was ordered to by a radical Palestinian leader - and not just

because he was hungry.
On November 3 Carlos. whose real name is Llich Ramirez Sanchez, announced that he was refusing to eat in protest at ill-treatment by guards. Prison doctors accused the convicted guerrilla of faking the

Carlos, 49, became thinner, but remained as self-inflated as ever. Nine days into the protest he began drinking water, and although his lawyers and family claimed he was "near death" he kept up a vigorous stream of self-publicity from his cell at La Sante prison in

He announced on Monday night that he was ending his action after receiving a letter from Georges Habash, the head of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. But Carlos's decision to begin eating again coincided with a marked waning of inter-est in his protest in the French

The letter from Mr Habash read: "I shake your hands, full of the hope that you will remain a solid international militant ... this requires that you stay alive and in good health to be able to continue the fight for the noble cause that is ours. It is unacceptable for an activist such as you to give up and let himself die."

Carlos's lawyer said that his client had "agreed to the re-quest of Mr Habash, which he considered an order".

But it appears more likely that he decided to end his fast with a face-saving excuse because he was no longer getting the attention — and food — he

He is serving a life sentence for killing two French agents. and is under investigation for four more terrorist attacks.

Macedonia force to watch over monitors in Kosovo

FROM TOM WALKER IN SKOPJE

INTERNATIONAL monitors negotiated the release of a Serb policeman captured by the Kosovo Liberation Army resterday as Nato put the finishing touches to plans for a 1,800-strong "extraction force" in neighbouring Macedonia. It is designed to spring into action were a monitor to be taken hostage in the conflict.

Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, and General Wesley Clarke, the Supreme Commander, will fly to Kumanovo in northeast Macedonia tomorrow to open the Kos-ovo Verification Command Centre, a military airbase where information from Nato spyplanes over Kosovo will be correlated with that gathered

by monitors in the province.

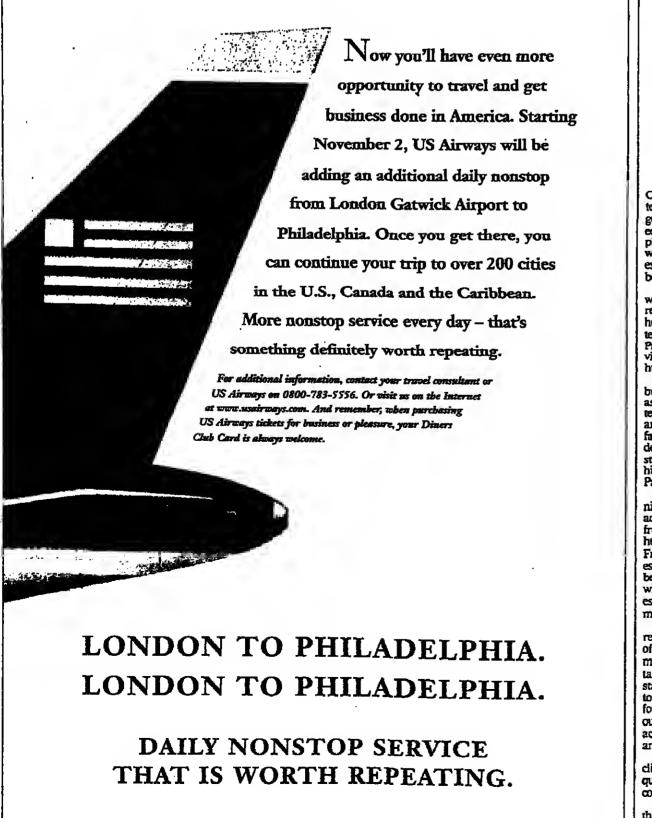
will worsen next spring, there is a good chance that the observers will make tempting hostage targets for Albanians and Serbs. The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which is running the

mission to verify the tenuous ceasefire gives the monitors five days of training in the ski resort of Brezavica, on the Kosovo side of the Macedonian border. Advice includes what to do if taken hostage.

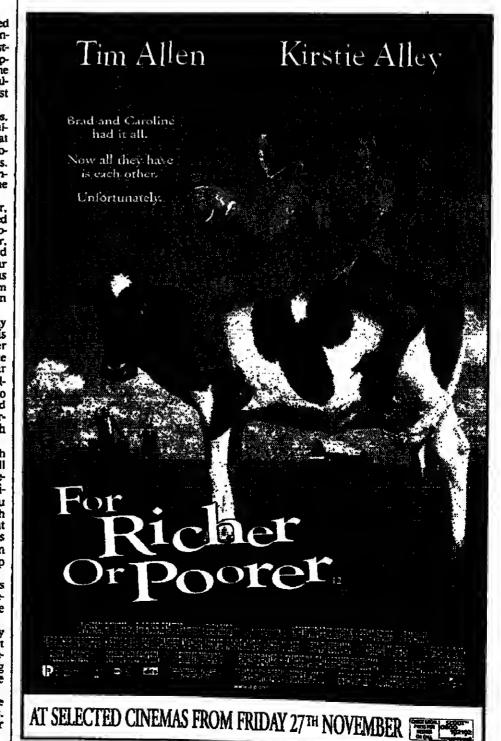
But ultimately, the verifiers' lives will depend on the ability of the French-led extraction force to leapfrog the mountain-

By early next year there ous border and drop comman-should be nearly 2,000 moni-tors in Kosovo — but in a con-OSCE training on Mount dos from helicopters. The flict that most diplomats fear Brezavica is being led by Italians. "We had these kind of problems already in Bosnia. and I found this to be the best kind of reaction: no reaction at all," David Pigaiani, a police inspector, advised his latest OSCE group. "The most important thing is to be as flat as

possible; very, very neutral." Hundreds of Albanians and Serbs have been abducted and many tortured and killed. Yesterday, Goran Zbilic, a policeman, was handed over to international monitors near the village of Lapastica, 30 miles north of Pristina — an act of charity in a Balkan saga of vengeance.



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line on Cuba THE White House is considering a proposal that some experts say is the first serious effort 10 re-examine American relations with Cuba for almost The idea, backed by Henry Kissinger, the former Secre-

tary of State, is to create a bipartisan commission to review US policy towards the Communist-run island, ti was expected to be brought up yesterday during a meeting between Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, and the three Cuban American members of Congress, who strongly oppose lifting the 35-year-old US economic embargo against the Havana regime.

The plan was proposed a month ago when the White House received a letter signed by 12 Republican members of Congress, saying it was time to examine how effective the embargo had been. Their call was backed by several senior former Republican administration officials, including three former Secretaries of State -Dr Kissinger, George Shultz and Lawrence Eagleburger.

"More and more Americans

are becoming concerned about the far-reaching effects of our policy on US interests and the Cuban people," the authors wrote. Although no decision

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI has been made to go ahead with the commission, American officials say that it is being

carefully studied. "We are giving every consideradon to this proposal," said a State Department official. Before reaching its decision, the Administration will consid-

er several issues, such as the composition and mandate of the commission and, in view of Fidel's [Castro's] unwillingness to undertake any internal reform, how much a commission may promote the goal that we share of protecting human rights and a transition to democracy in Cuba." The proposal has been wel-

comed by some moderates in Miami's Cuban American community, who have been pushing for a change in policy.

This is the best chance the US has right now to redefine US-Cuba policy," said Damian Fernandez, a leading Cuba scholar at Florida International University, "I think there's a momentum and there's enough interest in the Administration for this to happen. They are really pushing."

Experts say that the commission provides the Clinton Administration with a convenient mechanism to get around the current US law on Cuba, dic-tated by the so-called Helms-



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Juanita Castro, sister of the Cuban President, who says she wants to put her family record straight after her illegitimate niece accused Fidel Castro of being a thief

WORLD IN BRIEF

Sudan to restore multiparty system

Khartoum: Sudan is to reintroduce a muldparty system after a nine-year ban. The decision was taken after the Khartoum parlia-ment approved a Bill on Monday, the state-owned al-Anbaa

President Omar el-Bashir, who banned parties, unions and other groups after taking power in a 1989 coup, is due to sign the Bill into taw this week. It will become effective on New Year's Day. Earlier, parliament passed a Bill forming a constitutional court as part of the Government's declared plan to restore democracy to the country, gripped by a long civil war between the Muslim north and Christian and animist south. (Reuters)

Cambodia exile returns

Phnom Penh: Sam Rainsy, Cambodia's lone Opposition leader, returned after two months of self-imposed exile, defying blanket security to pledge continued rejection of Hun Sen's Government. Armed police followed him, preventing scores of well-wishers from staging a demonstration. At one point police motorcyclists used balons to beat back supporters. Sam Rainsy said his return for today's convening of the nadonal assembly did not signal his acceptance of the election results on July 26, which he claimed Hun Sen had won by fraud and intimidation. (AFP)

Gun raid at Paris store

Paris: Masked robbers burst into a Paris department store and shot a passerby in the head when he tried to stop them, gravely wounding him, police said. Three others were seriously injured. two them having been attacked with gun butts, and at least five were treated for shock. The thieves were chased by a crowd of shoppers, but escaped through the back entrance of the shop with Fr240,000 (about £24,000) from the money-changing office at the Printemps store on the Right Bank. (AP)

Child role for singer

Washington: George Michael, right, will not deliver meals on wheels to Aids patients in Los Angeles - as he had wished - after all (Giles Whittell writes). The British singer, who faces 81 hours of community service for performing a lewd act in a public lavatory, must spend the time encouraging children to do charity work, a Beverly Hills judge has ordered. The singer "came out" as a homosexual after his arrest.



Olympic lawyer quits

Sydney: Rod McGeogh, the businessman who spearheaded Sydney's successful campaign to host the 2000 Olympic Games, has resigned from the organising committee amid allegations that he asked for £3,000 to address a delegation of visiting Americans (Roger Maynard writes). The prominent Sydney lawyer, who is credited with beating off Beijing to host the millennium Olympics, said he was the victim of a "campaign of destabilisation".

Kidnappers condemned

Guadalajara: The Roman Catholic Church in Mexico is to excommunicate kidnappers in a campaign against soaring crime, Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez said. The deal to banish kidnappers would be signed this week by 12 bishops from western Mexico. Kidnappings and other crimes have soared since a devaluation of the peso in 1994 plunged Mexico into recession. (Reuters)

Indian elite dined out on protected game

ANIMAL rights campaigners in India are demanding the prosecution of leading politicians who consumed a lavish dinner of 17 types of meat from some of the country's rarest animals and birds, most of which are

supposedly protected by law. Parliament has been asked to debate the affair, which has focused attention on the parlous state of Indian wildlife. The meal, given in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, included spotted deer, wild boar, Indian bison, sambhar (elk), black buck and cheetal (small deer). There were also platters of seagulls, quails, snipes,

Christopher Thomas in Delhi reports on calls to prosecute after wildlife banquet

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ly," she said. "I can under-

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those authors have put in their

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who are not at fault for what Fidel has done."

pelicans and jungle fowls. Some creatures were hunted for the banquet. State machinery was used to aid the slaughter. Meat was also bought at public expense from poachers who specialise in the slaughter of protected animals, making a mockery of government wildlife campaigns.

Andhra Pradesh has some of the richest varieties of wildlife in India, but its forests are plundered by

poachers operating almost without interference from the state government.Most exotic birdlife is now extinct in the region because of the unfettered activities of birdcatchers.

There was no particular occasion for holding the banquet it appears to have been nothing more than a boastful exercise by politicians demonstrating their wealth and power. G. M. C. Balayogi, Speaker of the

Lok Sabha flower house of parliament), was among the guests. There have been widespread demands for the Central Bureau of Investigation to prosecute everybody who attended the dinner, But this will never happen because of the collective political power of the diners.

The arrest of Salman Khan, one of the Bollywood film industry's biggest hearthrobs, for allegedly hunting endangered animals has also fo-cused attention on the vulnerability of wildlife. He has been released on bail. Several other film stars who hunted with him could also be

charged. The Bishnoi ethnic community in Rajasthan, which for more than 500 years has sworn non-violence against any living being, is leading a campaign for Mr Khan to be brought to trial. Parts of Rajasthan are home to several hundred species of deer, including the rare black buck, one of which was shot in the film-star hunt.

The Bishnois are so alarmed by the poaching that they have aban-doned their core tenet and asked for weapons to save endangered wildlife from hunters. Many have died trying to protect animals and trees.

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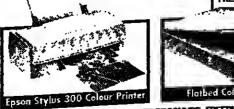
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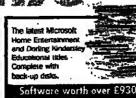
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These two unrelated events - one far beneath the surface of the Earth, the other far above it — are united by an extraordinary theory from one of the world's most original minds. Thomas Gold, now 78, has been throwing up provocative ideas for half a century, ever since he collaborated with Fred Hoyle and Hermann Bondi on the "steady state theory" of the Universe. Though vanquished by the Big Bang.

steady state theory has an honourable place in the history of cosmology. Dr Gold now concedes that he is "doubtful" it is right — a handsome concession by his standards — but that it was a path well worth following which led to an understanding of the origin

of the elements. His track record is impressive. Born in Vienna, he fled Hitler in the 1930s, took his degree at Trinity College, Cambridge, and helped to develop radar for the Admiralty between 1942 and 1946. His university career has taken him to Cambridge, Harvard and Cornell, and through research in zoology, physics, astronomy, radio-physics, space research and cosmology. He is, says Bondi, one of the outstanding scienosts of our time.

In a famous encounter at a Royal Astronomical Society meeting in 1951, Gold asserted that the radio signals recently de-tected from space came from objects far outside our galaxy, a view derided by the radio-astronomer Martin Ryle. Gold was right, Ryle wrong. Much later, after the metronomic radio sources known as pulsars were discovered. Gold guessed they were rotating neutron stars - right again.

Perhaps most extraordinary of all, he made a claim about the mechanism of hearing, based on his experiments of 1946. For 30 years audiologists treated this as the meddling of an ignorant outsider until finally they acknowledged he was right. Freeman Dyson, a physicist whom Gold volunteered for the experiments, says: "About every five years he invades a new field of research and proposes an outrageous theory that arouses intense opposition from experts in the field. He then works very hard to prove the experts

None of Gold's theories has raised quite as many hackles as the one he outlines in

(Copernicus, £19). Even by Gold's standards, this is a humdinger. It amounts to saying that the geologists are entirely wrong about the origin of oil and natural gas, while the biologists are wrong about the origin of life. Why stir up one horner's

nest when you can stir up two? The traditional theory of how oil and natural gas came to be in the Earth's crust is that they are the product of the decay of tiny creatures. That has implications both for the amounts of these valuable com-

modities in the crust, and on where to look for them. According to this view, hydrocarbons are the product of life.

Gold's view is the opposite: life, he asserts, is the product of hydrocarbons. As the Earth formed by the coalescence of chunks of material, which included carbon, it trapped complex hydrocarbons in its interior, from which they have been seeping upwards ever since. The gas and oil which the world relies on are, in his view, primordial and probably without limit.

Furthermore, they have provided nourishment for a subterranean life of bacteria deep in the crust. Gold says that human beings suffer from "surface chauvinism" — as creatures who live in the thin envelope between earth and sky, we can't contemplate the notion that other forms of life live beneath the crust.

Yet they do. In the past decade, a series of discoveries has shown that bacteria which have no need of light can survive and flourish in the interstices of the deep rocks, obtaining their energy by chemical rather than photosynthetic means. Biologists see these extremophiles, as they are called, as surface-living creatures which have invaded the depths, evolving to suit conditions. To Gold, it is the other way round: the extremophiles evolved first; we are merely a successful above-ground branch of the life they set in motion.

Recent research has also shown that comets, which can be considered remnants of the material from which the solar system was built, do contain organic material, including amino acids, the basic building blocks of life. That is why Nasa

was following the trail of the comet Tem-pel-Tuttle, fragments of which burn up in our atmosphere every year to form the Leonid meteor shower. If the comets contain such materials, then it is likely that the primiove Earth contained them too.

The obvious way to check Gold's theory was to drill a deep hole -- somewhere geologists would least expect to find oil and gas. The drill was carried out in oil-poor weden, with results that are at best ambiguous. Near Rättvik, the drill holes reached a depth of 6.7km and produced about 12 tonnes of crude oil. Was this confirmation or disproof? To find so much oil where not a drop would be expected was remarkable. But to the oil industry, 12 tonnes (84 barrels) is barrely a teaspoonful. They claimed it was diesel oil that had been poured down the hole," says Gold. But chemically it was completely different from diesel oil. We drilled another

hole. I km away, and found the same oil."
Geologists, including those who discovered the three-billion-year-old oil, remain convinced that oil is biogenic — the product of life. But there is a paradox they find hard to explain, and paradoxes, says Gold, "are merely nature's polite way, sotto voce, of informing us that our understanding is incomplete or erroneous". The problem is that of explaining why helium is so often found along with oil and gas, and never on its own.

old believes that the movement of the primordial hydrocarbons through the crust sweeps up helium, which is produced by radioactive decay in the rocks, and carries it upwards. Geologists, he says, have no explanation except to say that helium produced in the crust must be trapped by the same geological structures that trap oil and gas. If that were true, there should be some traps where there is helium, but no oil or gas -- none has been found. Gold says: "I have challenged them at geological meetings and said You give me a more plausible theory, or deny that my theory is right.' They can't."

If Gold is right, his theory has another consequence. In many planets of the solar system, there should be life below the surface. Finding it could prove difficult, since drilling into Mars, for example, is still beyond human ingenuity. But Gold suggests that traces of past life may be found on the surface of Mars — in such places as the canyon Valles Marineris, where landslides have exposed material which must once have been deeply buried.

Gold makes big claims that bear on world affairs, the wealth of nations and on people's reputations. As a controversialist with 50 years' experience, he is unrepentant: "I don't think I have anything to apologise for. I am almost always right."



CHARLES DARWIN may have called his masterpiece The Origin of Species, but it actually says little about that subject. He explains how individual species evolve, but not how new species originate. This process, known as speciadon, remains deeply puzzling even today, despite the huge growth of knowledge about molecular

Out of this world: Thomas Gold's theory suggests that life exists beneath the surface of other planets in our solar system

Geographical isolation and a change in the environment are two factors that favour speciacon, but they hardly seem

adequate to trigger it. Now two teams, one from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, and the other from the University of Chicago, have identigenes that SCIENCE could control the

The Chicago team, led by Professor Chung-I Wu, started from the observation

that matings be-tween closely related species the horse and the donkey, for example - often produce offspring that are sterile. Male sterility appears to be a barrier that keeps species apart. Using fruit flies, Professor Wu and colleagues searched

for the genes responsible. They took progressive ly shorter pieces of DNA from one species, Drosophila simulans, and introduced them into another, Drosophila mauritania. They knew that the gene they **BRIEFING** wanted must lie between the shortest insert that

Nigel caused infertility Hawkes and the longest that did not. In the current issue of Science they report that the gene they found, called Odysseus, lies on a piece of DNA that hardly changes between species. These so-called homeobox genes, which are in-volved in shaping the embryo

est-evolving of all genes. "Homeobox genes usually

of its cells, are among the slow-

don't differ by more than a few base pairs, even when you compare them in humans and Invertebrates," says Professor Wu. "But when we looked at this homeobox gene in two very closely related species of fruit fly, they were extremely different, suggesting that the gene is evolving at a highly accelerated rate.

He estimates that it is changing up to 1,000 times faster than any other homeobox

gene studied. The reason, he believes, is that it controls male sexual function, and rapid changes in such genes would be favoured because they might give one male the edge in the struggle to fertilise females. But the rapid change also means that one male's DNA may alter so

Darwin's hidden secrets quickly that it can no longer work when combined with the DNA of a female which has not changed. In this case, the two can produce offspring, but the males are sterile, so the

> Similar rapid evolution lies behind another model of speciation, from Dr Willie Swanson and Dr Victor Vacquier of

line comes to an abrupt end.

Scripps, published in Science in July. They show that in the sperm produce a protein, lysin, which creates a hole in the egg envelope to enable fertilisation to occur. Lysin has to lock on to a receptor on the egg for this to occur, and the gene for that receptor can change rapidly, just like Odysseus.

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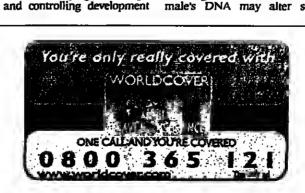
LUCK can cut both ways, as the operators of the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory

(Soho) have discovered. In June, Soho, a satellite in deep space used to observe the Sun. spun out of control after a ground-control error. Deprived of power from its solar cells. Soho faced disaster. Some instruments were

thrown into deep-freeze, others, exposed constantly to the Sun, heated up. When control was eventually regained the fear was that the instruments Would have been wrecked Far from it: the ones that were chilled survived well. One that was baked has actually benefited from the experience.

The Extreme Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope, designed to study the Sun's corona, had been plagued since launch in 1995 with contaminants, including water vapour and resi-dues of hydrocarbons, which cut sensitivity.

When Soho went awry, the instrument was exposed for several months to direct sunlight, raising its temperature to more than 30C. This apparently evaporated the contamination, so that when it was switched on again, it worked



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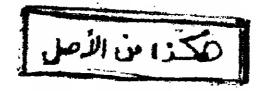


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Thursday: Nadia, a pregnant friend, calls to ask if I have heard the one about the wornan who pushed too hard while giving birth at Beth Isra-el Hospital during the summer. This is but the latest of the birthing horror stories I have been plied with since announcing to friends that I was pregnant myself. When it came to her contractions, the woman apparently pushed so hard that the blood vessels in her eyes burst and the whites of her eyes remained bright red pools for a full two months afterwards.

"How awful. Imagine the photos." whispers Nadia, who has already hired a pho-tographer and purchased a Donna Karan silk jacket to wear for her portrait, even though her baby is not due until next April. "They said the woman's eyes looked like gazpacho and she had to wear shades while breast-feeding so as not to scare the baby."

Friday morning: Though 1 have dismissed Nadia's story as yet another urban pregnancy myth, it has been secretly troubling me, so I raise the subject during my next routine doctor's appointment. "I



read somewhere that if you push too hard during labour, you can actually burst the blood vessels in your eyes," I say casually, trying to imply that I realise this is probably

"It happens," nods the doctor, equally casually, handing me a glass of glucose to test for gestational diahetes. She

looks at me and nods again. "That's why it helps to be pre-pared. Which classes are you

"You know, some prenatal

exercises at the gym." She stares at me in horror. You mean you don't have childbirth classes sorted out yet? "Well, I've been reading a lot," I say defensively. "Miriam Stoppard, Sheila Kitz- tion," says Jo Leonard, the

through her desk, and inter-rupts my roll call of pregnan-cy literature. "Read this," she says, thrusting a leastet called Parent/Family Education at me. "When you've worked out which one you want to take, call the hospital and tell them you need to sign up at once."

Friday evening: The Parent/ Family Education leaflet reads like a university curriculum, offering 26 courses, each promising "Small Groups in an Intimate, Nurturing At-mosphere". From Choices in Childbirth (The discussion will address the legal rights of healthcare consumers and how expectant parents and caregivers can communicate in positive ways.") to Why Lamaze? ("Learn the opportunities available for personal growth and empowerment from the childbirth experience!") and A Primer for Parents ('Know when to panic and when not to!"). Unsure which will be most useful, I

call the hospital for advice. Well, we like you and your partner to take a minimum of 1912 hours' instrucprogramme administrator. 19% hours? I thought it would be a couple of eve-

nings."
"Anyway, I'm not sure we can fit you in. I mean some people book their places eight months in advance." I hear her scrolling through dates on her computer. "Full... full ... full... All we have left is a

weekend course," she says. "All day Saturday and Sun-day, January 9/10. It's \$225." Panicked, I sign up.
"Oh, and tell me," she

asks, "are you high risk?"
"Well, officially 1 suppose
yes. I'm 36."

"Oh, we don't consider that high risk," she says with a laugh. "We just had a mother who was 58."

Saturday morning: Nadia calls again. "Have you heard about outpouchings?" she asks this time. I admit I have not. They're bits of your stomach that start to poke through your abdomen after you've given birth," she says. "And what about diastasis?"

No. I haven't heard of that either, "Well, listen to this," she says, reading aloud from an article she has just found in Harper's Bazaar: "With diastasis, muscles can split apart, like a broken zipper. Women with extreme diastasis may have to wear stomach binders after delivery to hold

in their internal organs'."

Monday morning: Nadia's ries has panicked me further, this time into abandoning my lacklustre efforts at the gym in favour of signing up for Manhattan's most fashionable prenatal course. Maternal

Fitness. Its bestgraduate turns out to be Elle "The says Nadia Body" Macpherson, whose son, Flynn, was born

Luke's-Roosevelt, after a mere 20 minutes' worth of push-

"I started late in my pregnancy," writes Elle, in a testimonial to Julie Tupler, the nurse who masterminds Maternal Fitness, "and the abdominal exercises I learnt for pushing and to prevent back problems really worked in labour. Understanding how to push with a strengthened insverse muscle while relaxing the pelvic floor muscle gave me that mind-body connection. I am also pleased to report that I did not have

an episiotomy (a surgical cut to enlarge the vaginal outlet, per-formed in 90 per cent of first births," she adds proudly.

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sonal trainers". With a heady 1,000 exercises a day, the course is last Valentine's Day at St further extolled in Glamour.

American Fitness and Ameri-can Baby, promising to reduce labour time and help your stomach muscles to "snap back" afterwards. In Manhattan, where a new mother is judged less by her breast-feeding skills than by how fast she regains her figure, who could resist?

Thursday evening: The first of our six classes is to take place at the New York Sports Club, a barn-like gym on 37th Street and Fifth Avenue. Male partners are requested to attend and I am accompanied

by a grumbling Peter. Kimberley, our teacher, a bright-eyed, blonde cheerleader type, wearing a lilac University of Kansas sweatshirt, has us sit on blue gym mats in a row. She passes round a leaf-let entitled BAKS: Breathing, Abdominals, Kegels and Squatting, Underneath the word Kegels is an illustration of a woman with her hair sticking up in terror and her intestines falling out. The picture is capooned The Result

of Not Doing Kegels". The other couples look rather solemn and several produce notebooks as Kimberley addresses the men. "Boys, you may wonder why we ask you to come for the first two sessions," she says brightly.

I intercept Peter exchanging muonous glances of agreement with the man next to

him.
"Well, your role is very important. Congratulations vou are now paid-up members of the foetus police,

When Camilla took me to task

ory Bremner, Britain's leading satirist, has become a Prince of Wales. At the Prince's 50th birthday party at Highgrove, he launched into a version of a Dr Dolittle song, reworked as If I Could Talk To The Vegetables, confident that he would not offend his

royal host. "I do have an affection and regard for Prince Charles," says the 37-year-old comic. "But there is a certain licence. The Prince took it very well. He was relaxed and among

Bremner's presence at this exclusive event confirms that he has been absorbed into the very establishment circles he targets in his biting comedy impressions. As well as being part of Prince Charles's favourites, he lunches regularly with top political figures and is in demand for society gatherings such as Tatler's Little Black Book Party for eligible singles. where he met his girlfriend

Bremner, raised in Edinburgh and educated at Wellington and King's College London, is aware of the dichotomy. He says of the public figures whom he lampoons one day and shares canapés with the next: They know what I do, and I have to do il without fear or favour. I do feel drawn into a circle but I reserve the right to criticise."

Bremner's acl went down so well with Prince Charles and his guests that he is considering giving television audiences a taste of it later in his current Channel 4 series Rory Bremner ... Who Else? A recent edicion featured a spoof Jerry Springer show enotled Let Di-Gones be Bygones. which culminated in the Queen giving Camilla Parker Bowles a drubbing with her handbag.

His new CD/cassette Beware of Imitations includes a Camilla sketch in which he points out that no one knows what she sounds like, and then produces a gruff navvy's voice. Mrs Parker Bowles gave her verdict of his representation of her when she collared him at the party.

"She took me to task," Bremner says. She said: 1 think you need to work a bit on the voice. She obviously knew I was doing impressions of her. She does have a deep-ish voice and is absolutely charming.

mail for Buckingham Palace: If you want to marry Charles.

dial I now. Bremner arrived at the Rory Bremner's presence at the Prince of Wales's 50th birthday party confirms that he has been absorbed into the very establishment circles he targets. Interview by Moira Petty



'They know what I do and I do it without fear or favour. I reserve the right to criticise'

Prince's Gloucestershire home in the afternoon to run through his act with Stephen Fry. who was compering. Later he returned in evening dress with his girlfriend, Zoe Appleyard. "It was great fun to be a fly on the wall at a gather-

ing like that.
"It was the first time anyone had said to me, 'Rory, have you met the King of Greece?' It was worth the petrol money just for that I asked if I could see his Marbles. He turned

out to be a big fan of the show. "At dinner, Charles sat between the Queen of Spain and the Queen of Norway. It was like a dockyard for Stena liners. It was great fun. The royals are far more human than people give them credit for. When the gratin dauphinois are down - I would hesitate to

say chips - they're not bad On his CD, Bremner controversially makes a reference to the death of Diana, Princess of

Wales, without naming her. In the item, the Queen is reflecting on "the great loss to the country" and how crowds would gather to greet "her" and wave goodbye. A hush descended on the Edinburgh audience for the live recording. then "the Queen" added:
"When we gathered to say goodbye. I turned to my husband and said we're going to

miss that yacht, you know"." Bremner defends himself: "As long as it's furny, it's not

in bad taste. Laughter takes the sting out of it. The danger is that you will go further for the sake of it and get into areas which are gratuitous and vindictive. Towards its end, Spitting Image degenerated into a kind of graffiti."

The Springer sketch, in which Charles introduced grocer. Mohamed", whose bleeped-out swearing was rivalled by the Queen's, attracted criticism. "People write in complaining. But asking me never to swear in the show is like asking an artist to

paint without the colour blue."

Bremner describes his CD
as "a thermometer gauging
the pulse of new Britain". With his co-performers and writers, John Bird and John Fortune, he lunches with opinion-formers and politicians, of-

ten cold-calling them first. "These lunches are not intended to pin people down. We ring them out of the blue and they're surprisingly flattered."

he day after the Prince of Wales's party, Bremner and the two Johns lunched with Tony Benn, who had much to say about new Labour's world of pagers and MPs "on message". "He said he felt less like an MP and more like an Avon lady. Near-ly every day he gets a fax from Millbank saying something like 'Mr Benn applauds the policy on . . . and he is expected to turn it round and fax it off to the Derbyshire Times."

A new Government has given him a fresh range of personalioes to play with. He has been working on Tony Blair since he took over as leader of the Labour Party from John Smith. "He wears his sincerity on his cuff links. I parody him but I don't find him insincere."

His celebrity characters fall into two groups. "There are those I have a fondness for and those I want to take a line on for a policy or point of view, such as Robin Cook. Personal lives don't interest me but his was handled so appallingly. 'I look forward to spending the rest of my life with the woman I love'. . . who does he think he is, Edward VIII?

Bremner's own marriage, to the artist and teacher Susie Davies, ended in 1994 after eight years. He blames his workload, which kept him in London while his wife lived in Hampshire. "Divorce is something you never quite get over. I want to give what I can to various charities as a way of proving that I am not actually a bad person. Perhaps I take on too many things to help friends out."

in 1997 he met Zoe Appleyard, then 24 and an investment banker with Merrill

Lynch. 'There was a chemistry. I like people with intelli-gence. Good looks matter but attraction is not a logical

He says he is "happy and grounded at the moment" and enjoys living alone. Work is his priority. "I throw myself into work to get over the di-

vorce. I used to say to Susie: "If you want to know what's in my head, look at my desk. If it's in a mess and I am behind with work. I'm unhappy." My work is so much more significant than my emotional life."

● Rory Bremner's CD/cassette Beware of Imitations is released on the Laughing Stock label on Monday. The same day, from 5.30 to 6.30pm, he will be signing copies at Politicos Bookshop, & Artillery Row,

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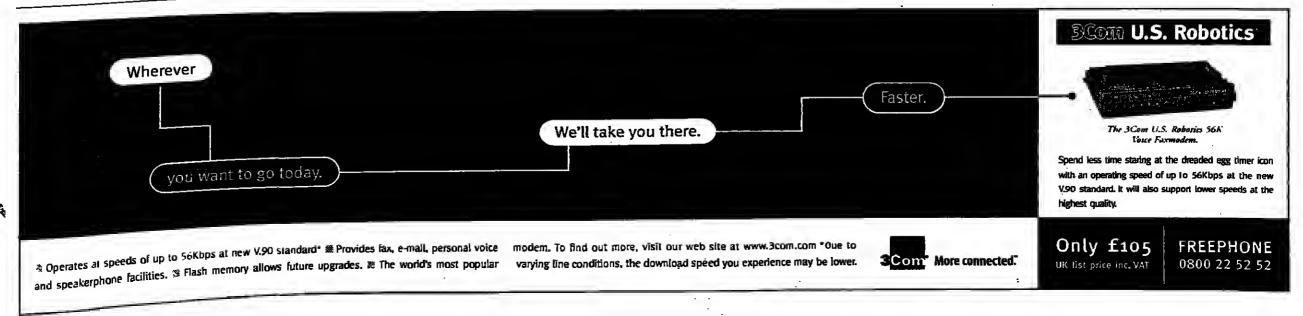
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Beware the Philistines of publishing

James Fenton laments the

passing of the OUP poetry list

o the travails of the Asian "tiger economies" have brought down the Oxford University Press poetry list? I think not. I think that a muscular assertion of new priorities has brought down the list and that this is deplorable. I have friends among both the victorious Philistines and the smarting Israelites. May I speak up for There are very few main-

stream, unsubsidised publishers who run a poetry list. The leading name is Faber which publishes between five and ten new otles a year. Oxford was the second, averaging eight new otles. Cape, Picador, Penguin and Chatto are main-taining a commitment to the poets they publish, without having any plans to extend their list further.

You see how alarming the situation is for an Israelite. I expect the mainstream publishers to bring out, next year, about 25 new otles. The full Oxford list contains 42 names, of which some are dead and some have moved elsewhere. But there are 26 axed tsraelites looking for new houses. They

have only four London firms to turn to, before looking to the subsidised stalwarts of the North, Carcanet and Bloodaxe.

to see decades The situation is odd, considering of effort that there is nothing easier to prothrown duce than a book of away part. I have enjoyed being published in every

It is sad

kind of way (except the fancy vellum-bound edition). I have published on two garage press-es. I have published myself from abroad and sent packages out from home. And I've been on mainstream lists.

The beauty of the small presses is that, for a comparatively small amount, you can design and produce a nice-looking volume. Nor is it really hard to sell the first few hundred of an edition particularly if, as our modern poets so doggedly do, you carry around a few copies to take to readings.

The small presses rely entirebut they are liable to exhaust themselves. One is selling, as it were, at the farm gate; one would not expect to receive bulk orders from chainstores. There is a powerful feeling in the publishing of poetry that one is casting one's bread upon the waters. And I can tell you that there is a thrill in sending off a copy to the British Library or the Bodleian, knowing that, whatever happens, the utterance has been made. The curious reader will be able to retrieve it.

For the serious poet, the achievement of a huge audience is not a great consideraoon. Of course it is exciting, and flattering, to break through from the few hundred to the thousands. But that is not one's purpose in writing poetry. I don't think Auden's first book, which made his reputation, sold more than a thousand copies for a matter of years, and t am sure Auden didn't care two hoots.

that there are people who would like to read your work, or to track down something they heard on the radio, but they can't find it. There is no substitute for a mainstream publisher prepared to take the long view. It is hard for the small presses to achieve what Penguin has, for instance, achieved for Tony Harrison's Selected Poems, which was first published in 1984 and has sold around 50,000 copies, and still sells at a solid rate of 2,500 a year. A similar volume by Roger McGough has sold 36,000 since 1990, while Carol Ann Duffy has sold 17,000 of her recent Selected Poems, but the annual sales are rising. This year her volume will sell

Penguin's list differs from the Oxford list in that it is made up of poets who tend to have made their reputations elsewhere. It includes some plausible-sounding proper-ties. However, in the hands of an accountant even these figures can be made to seem rather less satisfactory by the following ruse.

If a conglomerate publisher decides that every book on its list must be conceived as bearing

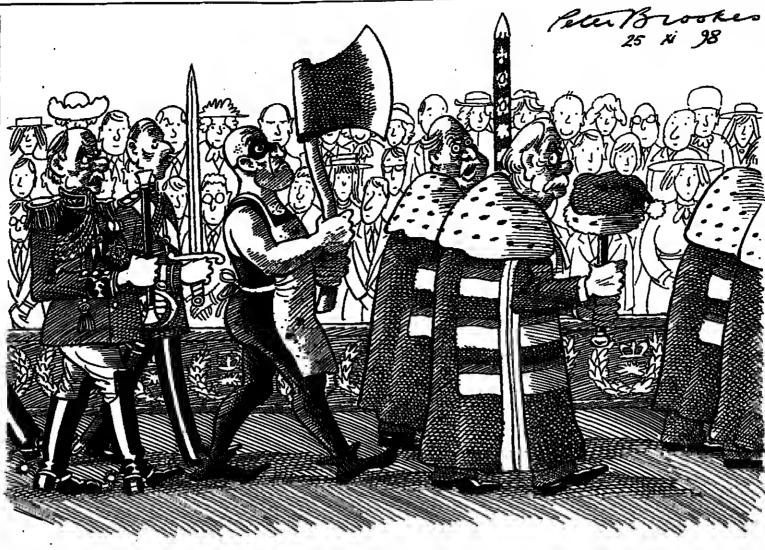
an equal load of the expenses of the firm, then what once looked like a modestly profitable little number suddenly turns into a disgraceful little slacker. If my slim volume must do its part in sending a hundred boozy publishers to Frank-

furt, or commissioning a coffin-shaped table for the boardroom, then I am at a serious disadvantage.

The problem was not that the Oxford list was not making money. It just wasn't making a humangous sum. One of the Oxford noets reported to me Oxford poets reported to me the following desperate ex-change. Defender of the list "But the back-list brings in £10.000 a year in permissions." The Philistine: "That's nothing. Vaughan-Williams brings in £240,000 a year." You can see what the Israelites are up against. Were up against, for no one believes this decision can be reversed. The Oxford poetry list has not been around as long as the press itself. It was put together by the poet Jon Stallworthy in the 1960s and 1970s, and was nearly closed in the 1980s after another muscular assertion of new priorities.

Just as the poetry list has not always been with us, so the alternative methods of producdon have expanded in recent years. Each century's ap-proach to publishing has been different, and we are going to have to find new methods in the next. This is something which, as poets, we are going to have to do for ourselves. Someone will come along and crack that problem for a while. And that is something to look forward to. But it is always sad to see decades of effort thrown away. The Philistines are upon thee, Oxford. The Philistines are upon thee.

The author is Professor of What is frustrating is to find Poetry at Oxford University.



"I DON'T REMEMBER HIM LAST TIME ..."

Kingdom of murk

orget the House of Lords. Forget the chatterers' soap opera that is second chamber reform. tgnore that rumbling appendix of the constitution, whose botched extraction is to pollute the rest of this Parliament. Every British ruler feels he must please the London mob with a war or two. Tony Blair's King of Spain's beard is to be the hereditary peerage. So be it, Let tournament commence. Let the knights be brave, the lances sharp and the wenches lubricious. This is a

mere sideshow. In its manifesto, the Labour Party promised a constitutional reform more radical than anything seen this century — and I do not refer to the Lords. Its evolution from "cronyism by descent to cronyism-for-life is hardly a constitutional earthquake. Anyone who can explain the legislative supremacy of a friend-of-Blair over the son of a friend-of-Lloyd George is a better geneticist than I am.-If the Cabinet has energy to spare far. Mr Blair shrewdon parliamentary reform, it should by cleared Scotland attend to Commons procedure. "Lack and Wales at the of parliamentary time" remains the start of his adminissterial inertia. The British Parliament Labour is encounterat present seems obsessed with ing north of the boreveryone's productivity but its own. The constitution most in need of of this speed. Sugreform is that beyond the Westminster pale. In its manifesto, Labour tion now and I doubt

pledged to decentralise power, to liberate the politics in which most people participate — local politics — desecrated by the Thatcher and Major Governments. For once the possessive cliché "the people's" had meaning: this was the people's constitutional reform. The poliocs of Britain beyond Parliament would be recast as drastically as Labour would recast the welfare state. These two realms, local politics and the welfare state, remain at the heart of new Labour's claim to radicalism. Modernise both and Mr Blair's new party will deserve its laurels. Fail, and all

other victories are pyrrhic.
On the People's Constitution, the proposals are well-known. Devolu-tion is in place for Scotland, and a weaker version for Wales. White Papers exist on reviving London government, electing mayors, uncapping rates, raising transport taxes and rekindling interest in local elections. The spring-clean undertaken by junior Environment Ministers Nick Raynsford and Hilary Arm-strong make House of Lords reform City to invest in the Tube). To any

The People's Constitution is being

threatened by the Lords reform row

seem mere washing of the doorstep. On paper, Britain could soon have a local government as revitalised as in reformed Spain, France, Italy and Scandinavia. The blueprints are there. These are the most exciting measures yet to emerge from the Blair Government

Yet anyone can write blueprints. They are the intellectual paper money of modern politics. The test is action, victory in Cabinet, inclusion in a Oueen's Speech. Yesterday's speech. was crucial, the agenda for the last main session before the pre-election session of this Parliament. In yesterday's speech the People's Constitution faltered. It is still staggering forward, but covered in awful wounds.

First the story so der shows the virtue gest Scottish devolu-

if the Labour Party would dare it. On London Mr Blair wobbled, partly because the relevant minister, John Prescott, was unenthusiastic. But an elected mayor for the capital was a clear commitment and. Ken Livingstone or no, it will happen come the millennium. The political electrifica-tion of London will commence at last. Coupled with the Scottish assembly, these two innovations stand vastly to the credit of this Government.

The rest of the People's Constitution now passes from the kingdom of light to the kingdom of murk. Students of new Labour may recall a nasty spat that broke out in the spring between Mr Prescott and the Downing Street "control freaks" over his much-loved transport White Paper. Mr Prescott had read his party manifesto as indicating that Labour should discourage car use, tax congestion and redistribute resources to public transport. This would specially help London, where the new mayor would need revenue to invest in the who suggested that this might be too radical for the timid souls of Downing Street, Mr Prescott threatened horrible disfigurement.

In presenting his White Paper, Mr Prescott openly boasted that he had beaten the Treasury into conceding 'hypothecated" transport taxes. These are taxes fixed, collected and spent locally on a specific service. The Treasury opposes all taxes it does not control itself. Few politicians boast that they have beaten the Treasury and live. It emerged that the Treasury had conceded only the principle of these taxes, and only on condidon of "further consultation", experimentation and delay. Downing Street lobbyists were even more curt. They

> that he had misread the manifesto. What it really said was that Labour would ers, impose taxes on good friends, the su-In a nuishell, he

could disfigure anyone he liked: any Bill enacting his transport White Paper was dead.

What happened next offers an insight into the bearpit that is modern government. The London Bill was still on course for this session, but its references to London Transport dep-ended on the now-defunct transport Bill. What to do? The answer was to strip the latter's corpse and insert its transport clauses in the London Bill. Hence the Queen's bizarre references to her Government combating road congestion and improving public transport, but only in London. The Treasury was hoist on its own petard. Londoners would be permitted to tax themselves for better public transport, a right enjoyed by every world

city, though nobody else would. One up to Mr Prescott, one down to the Treasury. We turn now to the third leg of the People's Constitution: after Scottish devolution and then London comes the rest of local democracy entitled In Touch with the war.

People. This promised a Bill of startling radicalism. There could be elected mayors throughout Britain possibly in advance of London - as well as local referendums, more frequent local elections, an end to rate-capping, variations in business rates and a range of "value-for-mon-ey" audits to replace competitive tendering. The document offered to re-establish local government as a force for novelty and dynamism in British public administration. And this Bill, supported by the brighter heads in Downing Street's policy unit. was rumoured to be a certainty for the Queen's Speech.

hat happened? The Queen's Speech con-tained only a fragment of Ms Armstrong's Bill. At the last minute, a Cabinet obsessed with the Lords sacrificed the greater reform for the sexier one. More told Mr Prescott intriguing is what survived the butchery. Every decentralist chapter in Ms Armstrong's White Paper was relegated to a strange Purgatory called a "draft Bill". Gone were the were new election structures, busithem or tax Labour's ness tax-varying powers, codes of conduct and any prospect of councils

> What survived intact, surprise, surprise, were those measures unashamedly extending the power of central government, those supported by the Treasury. These include weapons for ministers to intervene in local services, with performance indicators, league tables, standardised spending assessments and value-for-money audits. The new local government Bill is, in short, a Whitehall "control freak's" charter. The People's Constitution should now read the Treasury's Constitution. We must rewrite Pope: "For forms of government let fools contest/ What e'er is

faster centralised is best." There could be no better test of the supremacy of the controllers over the decentralisers in Mr Blair's Government than the fate of Ms Armstrong's Bill. True, Scotland is up and away and London creeps forward. But in the rest of Britain, constitutional reform is stalled as the Cabinet conducts its petty squabble with the Lords. The Praetorian Guard of government. Last July Mr Prescott's British government may lose an colleague Hilary Armstrong published a White Paper on local forces of democracy. It never loses a

Alan Coren



Boldly going to spread the millennial message

id your heart not leap up at yesterday's news that Millennium Voyager had, at the firm poke of Mr Chris Smith's button-finger, been launched from Cape Whitehall and sent into an eight-month orbit round the outer space which is regional Britain? I know mine did. It bounced from one side of my rib-cage to the other. It turned somersaults. For Millennium Voyager is nothing less than a state-of-the-art big lorry, painted in rotten-egg-resistant silver to enable if to boldly go where no Culture Secretary has gone before, and it is packed to its shimmering gunwales with not only a scale model of the Greenwich Dome, but also several tonnes of cutting-edge leaflets. More yet, it plans to make soft landings at 23 different regional points, in the hope of coming across intelligent life; or, at any rate, life which cannot wait to see a cardboard dome and to grab from Mr Smith's crack crew of lissome soubrettes — oghts, perhaps, sequins, very possibly pink satin toppers — the shiny burnf that trumpets the countless fabulous events planned to take place in every nook and cranny of the queendom, throughout the year 2000. The declared object being, as you will no doubt have read, to reassure those of us doomed to living outside Central London that we have not been utterly

And, indeed, hardly had this great news broken than Millennium Voyager hurtled through Cricklewood. It did not, of course, stop — doubtless pre-ferring both to hang on to its hubcaps and to keep its aerial straight - but nearly three leaflets were generously chucked through its porthole, one, as luck would have it, at my very feet. Raising those feet. seconds later, so far above the ground that I walked bome on

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For in January 2000, we are, I see, to have the Cricklewood Bach Festival. The 8th Tawny Cub Pack Symphony Orches-tra will play Bits of Toccata and Bears' Picnic, the slow movement of the Double Kazoo Concerto in G minor (if wet, in D major), and the rarely performed Noises Bach Made By Putting His Hand in His Armpit And Bringing His Arm Down. More thrilling yet, in February, we are to be blessed with not only a goodwill millennial visit by the Grodzinski Puppet Theatre of Kiev. who will perform Private Lives in the Kwiksave car park (dogs not admitted), but also a display on Clitterhouse Play-ing Fields by the Red Arrows Double-Glazing Team.

arch brings the Hen-don-to-Cricklewood Vintage Wheele-Bin Rally, where hopes are high for entries from many famous residents such as a woman living up the road from beloved local MP Ken Livingstone, and the man who swears he once saw rumoured neighbourhood superstar Tom Cond filling up at the Blue Star Garage in Fortune Green Road. As if this were not enough, on the evening of that very same day The Cricklewood Tavern will host a quiz between two teams of well-known experts on the subject of beer, and, if time

permits, fags.
There seems, however, to be little of major interest in April. apart from the Dersingham Road Mixed Infants' Sir Isaiah Berlin Lookalike Contest, but May's improving weather, I'm overjoyed to learn, will bring us the fortnight-long Crickle-woode Fayre, to be held at various prestige locations throughout the region, including a Scenic Walk round Brent Cross, a display of cheeselabels coflected by Harlesden Police dog-handlers and their lady wives, a Checkout Princess of East Willesden Pageant (to include six floats and a vintage Mondeo), a tug o'war battle between Golders Green Flat Earth Society and Edgware British Legion Gurkhas for the Peter Mandelson Millennial Saucer, and a Find-the-Video-Recorder Race between Granada TV Rental Ltd and 600 members of the Kilburn No Fixed Abode Club, to say nothing of such other traditional village events, while stocks last, as drunk-rolling, su-permarket trolley-throwing, streetlamp shies and, of course, the time-honoured Greasy Pole Racial Abuse Contest.

As to the joys awaiting this fortunate region for the rest of 2000, I fear I cannot tell you They must be on a second leaflet. I shall go out now and poke around in the gutters.

Garter club

FROM Brixton to the Order of the Garter. John Major is to sweep into Britain's grandest order of chivalry, a club to which the adjective "exclusive" can for once be added with accuracy: membership is restricted to a select 24. The former PM will replace Lord Hunt. who has joined that less restrictive

club in the sky. The Queen awards Knights of the Garter on St George's Day, so Major will wait until April to join his three dear cronies: Sir Edward Heath, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff and Baroness Thatcher.

Constitutional bods are impressed by the speed of Major's anointment: Sir Edward had to wait IS years after leaving Downing Street. Lord Callaghan for eight and the baroness had to kick

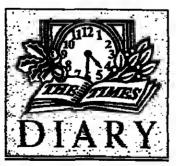
her heels for five. Major's honour comes less than two years after he was turfed out. The speed depends on their level of political activity," says my friend with the pipe. "Wilson entered the Order immediately, because his break from office was final. Heath had to wait as he was still a player, and Thatcher had to wait for him as she couldn't leapfrog him." t

Major's political death warrant.

SENDING condolences to Boris Yeltsin over the murder of Galina Starovoitova: Lady Thatcher. The lote Russian campaigner visited Lady T during the coup, giving her a secret phone number enabling the then PM to send moral support to Yeltsin. "It was a meeting between two blonde good-looking, successful ladies," Lord Bethell



"I was caught fishing outside



tells me. "I had to translate down the line with the shells pounding the Moscow White House. It was an extraordinary experience."

Nosh for dosh

NORTHERN wallets, so jealously guarded, are to be challenged by Marco Pierre White (right), the adolescent onion chopper, who is to return to his airbrushed roots. The dyslexic half-ttalian who fought from a rough-house Leeds estate to conquer the London restaurant scene has graciously agreed to serve fashionable nosh to

the folk he left behind. The Mirabelle proprietor will open at the Queens Hotel (claim to fame: Duran Duran stayed there. once). His ploy to lure discerning Yorkshiremen: bottles of Château d'Youem 1847 (passable, I find) at £30,000 a glug. Marco and Leeds were a dynamic union: "My childhood was about survival. I had to come South. t was different to the people around me."

● ITN led on William Hague's wanting to create a House of Lords BBC Six O'Clock News ignored it, perhaps taking its orders, not to mention the Trade Secretary's private life, a little too strictly.

Absent foes

NOTICEABLE absentees from the Queen's big day: Mo Mowlam, the bloods. But he could not park



Northern Ireland Secretary, preferred to sit on a couch in the Richard and Judy studio chatting with Caron Keating and Ross Kelly. When asked to explain her failure to make the State Opening. she replied that she had confused naughty swipe about Tony Blair her dates before calling the event "boring". "Thank you for turning for "Lord Mandelson of Rio". The down the Queen and all the Lords," she was told. She laughed: "I hope they won't be here very

much longer." Princess Margaret was also unable to make it, but she had the excuse of flu. Dennis Skinner was more embarrassed. He has waited decades to hear Her Majesty announce the abolition of blue because of the security cordon.

Desperate, he ditched his car near the Abbey, ordering policemen to stop it being towed away. Unfortunately, he still missed the culmination of his life's mouning.

 WOMEN sticking logother. Cheryl Gillan on her fellow Tory MP, Ann Widdecombe: "Ann's only vanity is painting her nails."

Book binds A.S. BYATT, Julian Barnes, Margaret Drabble and Ruby Wax (right) could have a new guardian.

Peters Fraser & Dunlon, our most



powerful literary agent, might come under the wing of Robert Fox. the impresario. Michael Sissons, chairman, has held secret talks with Robert Fox, brother of James and Edward. Friends suggest Sissons wants to spend more ome killing foxes. This promises to be unsettling for his authors. Drabble was introduced to the outfit by J.B. Priestley. "It's served me very well," she says. "I am very fond of the people there. Michael has been very good at keeping me out of muddles." Robert Harris's response? "Good God!" Good luck.

JASPER GERARD

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UNHAPPY INTERESTS

A Queen's Speech with plenty to upset the powerful

A characterisoc of this Government has been its unwillingness to make enemies. All Labour's tradinional opponents — business leaders, the middle classes, car owners, farmers — have been stroked and mollified in order to maximise the party's support in the country. But the coming legislative session will at last begin the process of confrontation which should be inevitable by this stage in a Parliament.

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Until now, Tony Blair has been prepared to take on only two unpopular remnants of what he sees as old Britain, the far Left of his own party, and the hereditary peerage. These two enemies will have plenty to bluster about in the new session. Left-wing MPs will oppose him on welfare reform particularly the changes to incapacity benefit. They will also be disappointed by the sensible changes made to the Fairness at Work Bill. Hereditary peers, meanwhile, will not only be reluctant to vote for their own demise: they will be tempted to bring down as much of the Government's legislative edifice as they can in the process.

But these will not be the only vested interests to be troubled by the Government's programme. Many doctors will resent losing their fundholding status and will find commissioning a poor substitute. Their hospital colleagues may be dismayed to find the searchlight of accountability shone on them by the Commission for Health Improvement.

If one group of professionals were not enough for this session. Mr Blair also plans to take on lawyers, through the reforms of legal aid; the disabled, through changes to disability and incapacity benefit; and teachers, through the Green Paper on pay that he is publishing next week.

Meanwhile, the party that promised to govern as the friend of business has produced a mishmash of proposals on workers' rights that manage to offend both sides of industry. Employers will find them

onerous and potentially disruptive, while unions believe that they do not go far enough. This is "unfinished business" of the worst kind, a law that is being passed not because the country demands it, but because Labour's paymasters demand it.

Mr Blair has been bold, however, in introducing more welfare reform into this session. Having come into office hoping to transform welfare in one stroke, he has come to realise that incremental change is both easier to achieve and, eventually, more effective. Creeping compulsion is designed to deter benefit claimants from signing on and working at the same time. The younger unemployed are being forced to take jobs; others, such as the disabled and lone parents, are being forced to come to interviews. The changes to benefits themselves will affect only new claimants, so any savings will take time to filter through. But, like the Tories' policy of tying pensions to prices rather than earnings. they should in the long run make a sizeable dent in the social security budget.

Most difficult will be reform of the House of Lords. The Prime Minister must at least set a strict time limit on the royal commission's report and give it terms of reference specific enough for others to be able to discern the outlines of the new Upper House through the deliberative fog.

The price of insisting on Lords reform is the dropping of many worthy Bills — such as transport, freedom of information, party funding and elected mayors — all because the Lords may obstruct business.

By the end of the coming session, Mr Blair will be battle-scarred and weary. But he may be entitled to wear a few medals. He will have taken the side of the patient against bad doctors, the parent against bad teachers and the taxpayer against lazy benefit claimants. When politicians take on vested interests, they always lose friends. But that is what governing is all about,

ART FOR THEIR OWN SAKES

How Greek politicians exploited both Prince and Marbles

Only the most awkward return trip to Greece, one might think, could make the Prince of Wales look back nostalgically upon his Aegean honeymoon cruise. But the harangues directed at him in Athens this week may have made even the moods of the newly married Princess Diana seem benign.

Evanghelos Venizelos, a youthful demagogue in Greece's ruling Socialist Party, began by telling the Prince that his official visit to Greece should be a "symbolic step" towards the return of the Elgin Marbles. Not content with making his demands only once, the Culture Minister followed up with repeated populist remarks about the empty Acropolis museum to which, he said, the Marbles must one day be welcomed, on the new technologies that would be devoted to their care and on the suitability of the year 2004, the date of the Athens Olympics, for their repatriadon.

Athens Olympics, for their repatriadon.

Since the Prince is utterly powerless on this issue, Mr Venizelos might possibly be accused of mere ill-manners. Since the Prince's powerlessness will not cease if he becomes King, it was perhaps no more than fatuous for the Mayor of Athens, Dimitris Avramopoulos, to suggest that he inaugurate his reign by emptying the most glorious gallery of the British Museum. Nonetheless, despite the good sense of senior Greek leaders who know how futile and counter-productive such a campaign will be, the demands of Mr Venizelos and his friends are unlikely to cease.

However parlous the state of the Greek economy, however dependent is the country on its European partners. "it's the Marbles, stupid" has become the mantra for young socialist politicians on the rise. The voluble Mr Venizelos, while referring always to the works as the politically correct "Parthenon Marbles", is relying wholly for his political gains on their more familiar British name. Unless they are the

"Elgin Marbles" they are useless as the symbol of national deprivation which certain Greek ministers, following the lead of Melina Mercouri in the early Eighties and urged on by their nationalistic media today, have decided that they should be.

The ownership of the Marbles from the Parthenon is an impossible issue to resolve. Most of those with a claim in the past 2,000 years have bad no interest in them at all. Today there are much-prized and legally acquired parts in Paris, Vienna, Karlsruhe, Copenhagen, Würzburg and Palermo as well as the major remains in Athens and London. To bring them all to Athens, in the name either of some ancient title or modern aesthetic sense, is an ambition with no basis in law, justice or likelihood.

Modern Greek ambition to possess the Elgin Marbles, above all other Ancient Greek artworks that are in collections around the globe, does not go back much beyond Ms Mercouri's time. It is a modern political ambition. Although the sculptures were carved on land that is now the state of Greece, on that same land they were neglected and for centuries barely even noticed. In 19th-century England, and only then and there, did those parts of the Parthenon frieze which Lord Elgin brought back from the Napoleonic Wars become a cultural icon in their own right, inspiring Keats, Shelley, Landseer, Haydon, West, Watts, Leighton and a host of other other poets, sculptors and writers, whose view of art and nature was transformed by what they saw and where and how they saw it.

The Marbles are milestones, many different milestones, in European culture. Anyone who truly loves Greece, from the Prince of Wales to the Hellenist scholars of every continent, must despair at the self-pitying, self-destructive campaign to take these extraordinary stones back to where they were once cut and away from where they have inspired the whole world.

FREEDOM AND FIRE

Schools need to handle racist parties with special care

The right to be heard, the former American Vice-President Hubert Humphrey once wisely observed, does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously. It was doubtless in that robust spirit that the pupils of the Dulwich College Sociology Society decided to invite a representative of the British Naoonal Party to address a recent lunchtime meeting.

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The event was part of a wider series covering extremist movements in British politics. In that context, speakers from the Socialist Workers Party and the Anti-Nazi League have already been accommodated. The invitation itself was issued by a boy from an Asian-British background. Neither individual students, the society nor the school can be accused of intending to advance the BNP's agenda.

The intellectual curiosity is admirable. There is also an attractive argument for permitting overt racists such as the BNP to cut their own throats with the paucity of their public words. Most pupils who attended the meeting appear to have been appalled at what was put before them and appalled at what was put before them and reacted to the speaker with polite hostility.

The exercise of judgment in this case is, though, much less certain. Chris Field, the Deputy Master of the school, defended the

decision on the basis that boys would want to hear from "a wide spectrum of political views" and that "this country is about free speech...let them make up their own minds." The BNP is not, however, merely another party. Nor is absolute freedom of speech the single standard of a constitutional democracy. There is a sharp distinction to be drawn between fringe organisations which would overturn the entire political basis upon which this country is currently ordered and others who would select a certain category of citizens for special and adverse treatment.

adverse treatment.

This would be true for any school but becomes a matter of special sensitivity in an establishment such as Dulwich College, which has a diverse ethnic intake. That some pupils and parents were offended by the invitation is hardly surprising. There is a difficult line to be drawn between freedom of speech and responsible behaviour. At a university—where the exchange of ideas in all forms is rightly the central feature of academic life—the BNP and its sort should be permitted a proper platform. In schools the balance of argument is different. Dulwich College would now be wise to invite a mainstream speaker to make the case for colour-blind pobtics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Blind alley' of bombing Iraq

From Sir Anthony Meyer

Sir, Saddam Hussein represents a threat to world peace. The US and Britain alone are threatening to use armed force to compel him to abate that threat. The three poliocal parties in this country support this policy. It seems that only a handful of MPs, mostly on the Left of the Labour Party, query it — much the same group as queried the necessity to launch a war to evict the Argentinians from the Falklands.

I was one of the even smaller handful on the Right who queried the Justification for that war unol all the resources of diplomacy had been exhausted. Am I still alone in believing that Anglo-American policy, unsupported by our European partners, is driving fast up a narrowing blind alley? If we do bomb Iraq we will alienate pretty well the whole of the Arab, probably the whole Muslim world, and it will not topple Saddam.

And, even if we did topple Saddam, what then? Almost certainly a more fundamentalist leader would replace him. There was a time when Saddam was regarded by the West as a bulwark against the spread of Muslim extremism.

Should not the object of Western policy be to try to get back to that state of affairs? Should we not be using the promise of an early lifting of sanctions and the provision of desperately needed aid if Iraq will co-operate; more carrot and less stick?

I am, etc, ANTHONY MEYER (Conservative MP, 1970-92), 9 Cottage Place, SW3 2BE. November 22.

From Mr Alan Phillips
Sir, Surely Robin Cook's call for the removal of Saddam Hussein (letters, November 20) is just an example of ethics cleansing?

Yours faithfully, ALAN PHILLIPS, 19 Theydon Grove, Epping, Essex CM16 4PU. alan@medinc.demon.co.uk November 20.

Debt relief

From the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town

Sir, The International Development Secretary, Clare Short, is wrong to suggest (report, November 19) that South Africa's "odious debts" — those that have arisen as a result of previous governments' policies — are a matter only for the South African Government.

Taking South Africa's scarce resources away from reconstruction and development and placing them in the pockets of Western and domestic creditors who were willing to finance apartheid repression is a matter for the people of South Africa too.

The Jubilee 2000 campaign is a movement of ordinary South Africans in the Churches and wider society, challenging those international and domestic financial institutions that place pressure on our Government to prioridse debt repayment over the reduction in poverty endured by millions of black South Africans.

One of the first acts of the new South African Government was to cancel the odious debts owed to us by Namibia. The Government did not do this at the request of the Namibians. Instead it acted unilaterally. We are simply asking South Africa's creditors to do the same in relation to odious debt.

Yours faithfully,

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Cape 7700,
Republic of South Africa.
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CPS decisions

From Mr Robert Rhodes, QC

Sir. You report (November 21) that senior Scotland Yard officers are "absolutely shocked" by the Crown Prosecution Service's decision to discontinue charges arising from the Ron Davies affair. This reaction by unspecified police officers is mistaken.

In deciding whether to proceed, the first and fundamental criterion is the test of evidenoal sufficiency — ie, is there a more than 50 per cent chance of a conviction on the available evidence?

It appears that the prospects of conviction in this case rely entirely upon the credibility of the evidence provided by Mr Davies. This has been shown to be suspect because of the various different accounts that, for whatever reason, Mr Davies gave to the police.

In these circumstances, the CPS is surely to be applauded rather than criocised for having faced reality and not wasted public funds in bringing a prosecution where the prospects of conviction were plainly very limited.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT RHODES, 4 Kings Bench Walk, Temple, EC4Y 7DL. November 22.

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e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

EMU's effect on tax and business

From Mr Ben Hall

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky commits the very same crime for which he condemns Tony Blair (Blair's EMU con-trick", November 19).

Of course EMU has a political dimension. It was born out of a deal between Helmut Kohl and François Mitterrand in return for French support for German unification. It will change the already constrained way in which we run our economy, and that is a political issue. Bot to say that the real agenda is "political and economic harmonisation" is untrue.

It makes perfect sense for there to be closer co-operation on other aspects of economic management if the euro is to be a success. EU member states co-ordinate their approaches to tackling unemployment, applying best practice to their own particular problems.

That does not mean we harmonise our employment policy. Co-operation on tax has nothing to do with forcing the rest of Europe up to German levels of cost. It is about getting rid of tax havens that unfairly distort competition. If Ireland wants to have a 10 per cent rate of corporation tax, that's fine. But it shouldn't be allowed to apply that rate only to foreign companies, in just one area like the Dublin docks.

Why does Mr Kaletsky not mention that no European leader advocates a centralised super-state for the European Union? Why is it that the declaracions of one man. Oskar Lafontaine, are said to reveal the federalist intentions of the whole of the EU?

The term polidical union means consensus on policy and the capacity to pursue it. Maybe it is because that consensus has formed around a progressive, centre-left agenda that there is such a whiff of conspiracy about a single European government.

Yours faithfully, BEN HALL (Research Director), Centre for European Reform, 29 Tufton Street, SWIP 3QL. bhall@cer.org.uk November 19.

From Mr John Crisp

Sir, Gordon Brown insists that taxation decisions should remain under national control, following the introduction of the euro (report, November 23). Our Government endeavours to control inflation by a combination of interest rates and taxation.

If we join the euro, interest rate decisions will be taken elsewhere.

Carshalton Beeches, Surrey SM5 4HD. November 23.

Where does this leave the Government's taxation policy?

Yours faithfully,

JOHN CRISP,

From Mr Tom Burroughes

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky is surely right to stress the disastrous consequences for the City of a withholding tax imposed by the EU.

Not only would such tax harmonisation destroy jobs and business in London, it would also harm financial centres in much of continental Europe, and encourage investors to take their business outside the EU. One might have more sympathy for tax harmonisation if taxes ever had a chance of being cut as a result. That, however, never seems to happen.

Yours faithfully, TOM BURROUGHES, 100 Belgrave Road, SWI V2BJ. tombr@mktnews.com November 19.

From Mr Osman Streater

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky asks why the Briosh poliocal debate on EMU, even amongst highly intelligent people, is drawn to irrelevant issues.

A visit to this club, whose members have won 19 Nobel Prizes to date, might enlighten him. To the British, EMU is not an intellectual subject but an emotional one. As one member put it: "Saying that you are against EMU is a bit like saying that you would rather have a holiday in Skegness than in St Tropez."

I have heard a successful stockbroker member say that he is longing for the day when he won't have to change money to visit continental European cides, And only the other day a member who was until recently the senior partner of a leading accountancy firm said to me: "But how can you possibly be against EMU — you who were born abroad and speak all those languages?"

There is, however, another side. General Galderi was one example of a political leader who discovered that once the British do finally read the signals correctly they become lethal. Hence, perhaps, the origins of the phrase "perficious Albion".

Yours faithfully,
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Yours faithfully,

ROGER SAINSBURY,

The Institution Civil Engineers.

From Mrs Fiona Hopkinson

1 Great George Street, SWIP 3AA. November 23.

Sir, With the opening of the long-

awaited Newbury bypass the conclu-

sion of the Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Traffic has

been vindicated. The local population

are exploring their new road with

enthusiasm and a sense of novelty at

the ease of travel. The current topic of

conversation in these parts is: "Have

I have watched with great amuse-

ment cars coming off the road and im-

mediately rejoining it to travel in the opposite direction. Drivers and resi-

dents both have smiles on their faces.

bypasses, whatever Simon Jenkins says ("Dead in the centre", November

20). Let this not be an end of it.

Dormer Cottage, East End, Newbury, Berkshire RG20 0AF.

Yours faithfully,

November 20.

FIONA HOPKINSON,

Whilst there are cars we need

you driven the bypass yet?"

Newbury bypass cach is the outcome of a thorough appraisal of the needs of the area.

From Mr Roger Sainsbury, FEng, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers

Sir. Your leading article, "Lessons from Newbury" (November 19; see also report and photograph, November 16), raises important issues. You were right to suggest that this should not be the last bypass to be built in Britain (as some would like to think).

The push towards a more integrated approach to transport is admirable, but will not magically solve all issues of congestion; nor is any good purpose served by the mantra "never again".

We need to move away from

passionate extremes and towards a balanced appraisal of the needs of towns, the needs of sustainability and the countryside, and the needs of people as travellers.

We need also to develop the

machinery whereby balanced decisions can be taken without years of delay. In some cases the right thing to do will be to ease the plight of towns and of travellers by building a bypass, whereas in other cases transport problems may be solved in other ways.

We should not be afraid of building well designed bypasses provided that

BNP school speech

From the Master of Dulwich College
Sir, In your report today, headed "Anger at far-right speech to school", you
quote "condemnation" by the head of
the Commission for Racial Equality of
the decision by Dulwich College to
invite the press officer of the British
National Party to address the school's

Society for the Study of Sociology.

The invitation was issued by a member of the society, a sixth-former of Asian background, and the meeting was one of a series exploring the extremes of British politics. Other recent speakers have come from the Socialisi Workers Party and the Anti-Nazi League.

The 200 senior boys who attended the meeting behaved with the courtesy they would always accord a guest. I am delighted that they also vigorously attacked his policies and treated them with the intellectual contempt which they deserve.

The comments from the floor confirmed the excellent race relations which exist at the college. They may, one hopes, even have made some impression on the speaker. Those of all races who attended the meeting are undoubtedly strengthened in their opposition to racist policies of any kind.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM ABLE, Master, Dulwich College, SE21 7LD. November 24.

Sense of nation

From Mr Graeme Woolaston Sir. "Snare me an English

Sir, "Spare me an English Braveheart", writes Matthew Parris ("Mongrels not Angles", November 21), and many people who detest the spirit of that film would be inclined to agree with him.

Unfortunately there has been an English Braveheart for four centuries. It's called Henry V. t grant you the dialogue is rather better.

Yours faithfully, GRAEME WOOLASTON, 10 Uist Crescent, Glasgow G33 6BG.

Confused directions

From Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA

Sir, I was interested to read (Diary, November 23) that Alan Clark's grandfather commissioned a family portrail from "Labery" (sic). Sir John Lavery's name did some-

Sir John Lavery's name did sometimes cause confusion. The old story goes that, at a reception, Lady Lavery gave her name to a flunkey who promptly replied in a whisper: "Yes, madam: down the corridor and the first door on the right."

Yours faithfully, BERNARD DUNSTAN, 10 High Park Road, Kew TW9 4BH.

To those who say poems don't pay

From the Chairman of the Royal Society of Literature and others

Sir, We wish to protest against the decision by Oxford University Press to jettison its Oxford Poets' list, which it has maintained for more than half a century (report, "Anger over dead poets society". November 21). Such an abandonment by Britain's leading university publishers amounts to a major betrayal of contemporary lit-

The explanation given by the OUP that it is "increasingly difficult to give such specialisms the attention they deserve", and that "the Oxford Poets' list cannot by its nature contribute enough financially to justify the attention it needs", are deeply disingenuous. Oxford Poetry does not lose OUP money overall, since fees from its back list contribute valuably to the company's income.

We can only wonder what this famous publishing house believes is worthy of inclusion in that "core scholarly and educational publishing" on which is intends to concentrate.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOLROYD
(Chairman),
PENELOPE FITZGERALD,
SELINA HASTINGS,
H. R. F. KEATING,
PETER PORTER.
The Royal Society of Literature,
I Hyde Park Gardens, W2 2LT.
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From Ms Fiona Pitt-Kethley

Sir, I read with regret of the closure of yet another poetry list. Forty authors, most established names, now find themselves without a publisher.

The Oxford University Press is only the last in a long line of such closedowns. I was published by Sinclair-Stevenson until Reed axed their endre poetry list three years ago. Similar lists at Chatto and Methuen have also gone. The only major list left is that of Faber and few poets are Faber's cup of tea.

Those who phone small publishers like Carcanet, as I did recently, may find them too booked up for years ahead even to contemplate viewing another typescript.

another typescript.
Isn't it time that the Arts Council spent some lottery money on creating the literary equivalent of The Dogs Home Battersea for poor abused poets without owners?

To publishers I would say that poetry can be made to pay if it's publicised properly. Most of my collections sold several thousand copies when this was done.

Yours sincerely. FIONA PITT-KETHLEY, 7 Ebenezer Road, Hastings TN34 3BS. November 23.

From the Chairman and the National Director of

The Arvon Foundation

Sir. The closure of a contemporary poetry list by any publishing house is sad. The closure of a poetry list by a poblishing house set at the heart of one of our major universides is shocking.

we write with a sense of sadness because many of the poets on the list of the Oxford University Press work for the Arvon Foundation as tutors on its writing courses, with huge benefit to the course participants and through them — writers, teachers, readers, or simply friends — the

benefit of society at large.

We write with a sense of shock because the marketplace appears to be ruling in such unruly fashion in a place of distinguished learning.

Yours faithfully.
ROBIN CHICHESTER-CLARK,
Chairman,
DAVID PEASE,
National Director.

The Arvon Foundadon, Lumb Bank, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 6DF. November 23.

Oeufs en concrete

From Mrs Eileen Craine
Sir. 1 like Mr Eric Davies's idea

letter. November 20) of a recipe from Delia Smith using the present glut of dinosaur eggs.

And she wouldn't need to tell us how to test for freshness either.

how to test for freshness of Yours faithfully, EILEEN CRAINE,

Yours faithfully, EILEEN CRAINE, 59a Crawford Street, London WIH IHS. November 20.

Signs of the times

From Dr Georges Ware Sir. I understand Mr Joh

Sir, I understand Mr John Hope's disappointment on following the signpost to the mobile library and finding that it had moved on (letter, November 21).

 But consider the anguish he might have been caused by a sign in Bristol which pointed to "Public Toilets — Approx. 3 Miles".

Yours faithfully, GEORGES WARE, 85 Cranbrook Road, Bristol BS6 7BZ, November 23.

Mr D.S. Allen and Miss L.M.E. Johnstoo The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of Mr and

Mrs Robert Allen, of Woodgreen.

Co Antrim, and Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ernest Johnston, of

The engagement is announced between Luke Beresford, only son

of Paul and Teeny Barnett, of

Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, and Tara Saoirse, youngest daughter of Tim

and Eileen Vignoles, of Richmond,

Surrey.
Commander N.A. Bruen
and Ms P.V. Haye
The engagement is announced
between Commander Nigel Bruen.

MBE, DSC, of Lewdown. Devon,

and Ms Patricia Haye. of

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late

Mr and Mrs J. Shorter, of Kings Lynn, and Karen Mary, daughter of the late Professor H.O. Thomas,

of Ihadan and Lagos, and of Mrs.
D.I. Thomas, of Rottingdean, Easi
Sussex. The marriage will take
place shortly in Suffolk.

Walkhampton, Devon. Mr R. Shorter

and Miss K.M. Thomas

Broughshane. Co Antrim-Mr L.B. Barneti

and Miss T.S. Vignoles

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr J.T. Craven and Miss E.P.J. Horsey

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Sir

John and Lady Craven, of Cheisea,

London, and Emma, elder daugh-ter of Major and Mrs Andrew

The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Dr and Mrs

Paul Knapman, of Chelsea, Lon-

don, and Charlotte, daughter of the Hon Mr Justice and Mrs

James Findlay, of the Peak, Hong

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs.

John Laughton, of Alfriston, East

Sussex, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hayes,

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr John Loudon, of Puscy House, Oxfordshire, and the late Mrs John

Loudon, of Tichborne Park, Hamp-

shire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Blair, of

of Colaron Raleigh, Devon. Mr A.J.H. Loudon

and Miss C.A. Blair

Horsey, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr H.P. Knapman and Miss C.L. Findlay

Kong. Mr J. Laughton and Miss R.J. Hayes

COURT CIRCULAR

of the Republic of Kenya and welcomed His Excellency on be-half of Her Majesty.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady

wember 24: The Prince of Wales

this morning visited Athens Cham-

ber of Commerce and met mem-bers of a West of Scotland Trade

Mission to Greece and their Greek His Royal Highness this after-

noon toured the British School in

The Prince of Wales afterwards

anended a Reception given by the Regional Governor of Crete at the

Heraklion Museum, Knossos.

His Royal Highness this

evening arrived at Royal Air Force

Northold from Greece.

Mr Nicholas Archer and Mrs

Colleen Harris were in attendance.

was welcomed to Bega Island, Fiji, this morning and watched Meke (traditional dances) and a display

of inewalking.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Broadcasting House,
Suva, and presented equipment to
the National Archives.

The Duke of York this evening

amended a Dinner given by the Prime Minister of the Republic of

Fin Islands at the Centra Hotel.

November 24: The Prince Edward.

Trustee, this afternoon attended a Lunch and Meeting of the United Kingdom Trustees of The Duke of

Edinburgh's Award at Kensington

November 24: The Princess Royal, President, International League

for the Protection of Horses, this

morning gave the Opening Ad-dress at the Annual Seminar at Tattersalls, High Street, Newmar-

ket, and was received by the Lord Tollemache (Vice Lord-Lieutenant

Her Royal Highness this after-noon attended the Safer Surrey Partnership's Surrey Traveller

Community Relations Forum at Burford Bridge Hotel, Dorking, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Mrs

The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, this evening attended the Gold Club

Sponsors' Dinner at the Roya Hospital Chelsea, London,

November 24: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were

present this morning at the State Opening of Parliament.

Prior, the Order of St John, this afternoon held an Investiture of

Knights and Dames of the Order

The Duke of Gloucester this

evening presented the Broadoak

Farming Silver Lapwing Awards

ster, London, and subsequently attended a Dinner at the Royal

at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, Grand

KENSINGTON PALACE

of Suffolk).

Timothy Goad).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 24: The Duke of York

in Waiting to The Queen. ST JAMES'S PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 24: The Queen, accom panied by the Duke of Edinburgh went in State to the Palace of

Westminster today to open the Session of Parliament. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, and were received at the Sovereign's Entrance by the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Earl

Guards of Honour were mounted at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard found by the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards and at the Palace of Westminster by No 7 Company Coldstream Guards.

A staircase party of the House-hold Cavalry was on duty at Victoria Tower, House of Lords. Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, and from the Tower of London Saluting Battery by the Honourable Artillery Com-

The Imperial State Crown, the Sword of State and the Cap of Maintenance were conveyed previously to the House of Lords in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Regalia Escort of the Household Cavalry.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentle-men at Arms was on Duty in the Prince's Chamber and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeo-

men of the Guard was on duty in the Royal Gallery. The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting and the Pages of Honour to The Queen were in attendance at the Palace of

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh returned to Buckingharn Palace and were received by the Lord Chamberlain and the Vice-Chamberlain of the House-

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness held an Evening Recep-tion at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince of Wales and The Prince

The Duke of Edinburgh, President Emeritus, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International this morning received His Excellency Senor Eduardo Ponce-Vivanco (Ambassador of the Republic of Peru) and Senor Rudolfo Munante

(Minister of Agriculture from the Republic of Peru).
His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, this afternoon aftended a Lunch and chaired a meeting of the United Kingdom Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

at Kensington Palace.
The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Shield Holders' Reception at Kensington Pal-

Mr Alan Waterworth (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieux-nant of Merseyside) was present at Liverpool Arrival of The President of Ireland and welcomed Mrs McAleese on behalf of The Queen.

The Lord Geraint (Extra Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President

The Queen, as patron, will attend a

reception for Cottage Homes at St

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colo-

nel, will visit the 1st Battalion

Grenadier Guards, Elizabeth Bar-

racks, Pirbright, Surrey, at 11.15.

The Princess Royal, patron, Scot-tish National Fat Stock Club, will

attend the Scottish National Win-

ter Fair at the Perth Agricultural Centre, Crieff Road, Perth at 9.30; as president, the Princess Royal

Trust for Carers, will open the

Perth and Kinross Carers Centre

at The Gateway, North Methven

Street, Perth, at 11.40; will visit the headquarters of First Bus, King

Today's royal

engagements

James's Palace, at 12.30.

Automobile Club, Pall Mall. ST JAMES'S PALACE November 24: The Duke of Kent was present this morning at the State Opening of Parliament. Street, Aberdeen, at 3.10; will visit

Craig Group Ship Repairing, York Street, at 4.20; and will attend the gala dinner at the Ardoe House Hotel, South Decside Road, Blairs, Kincardineshire, at 7.10. The Duke of Kent, president RNLI, will attend a farewell dinner for the Director, Commander Brian Miles, onboard HQS Wellington, Embankment, London, at

Mr Colin Hardie

A memorial service for Mr Colin Graham Hardie, Fellow and Tonor of Magdalen College, Oxford 1936-73; Emeritus Fellow 1973-88, will be held in the Chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford, on Saturday, January 30, 1999, at



Audrey Baker, a florist, takes a professional look at some of the blooms at the Westminster flower show yesterday

Exotic plants keep autumn chills away

the Continent. Orchidecen Wubben, of Hollandsche-Rading The Netherlands, has staged a collection of moth orchids (Phalaenopsis), ideal for windowsill culture. Several new introductions are featured, including Mystic Golden Leopard "Cheetah"

orchids, part of a collection of 4,000 species (the biggest in Europe) grown by. the nursery. The competition of the Orchid Society

of Great Britain is providing further exotic interest at this show, which opened in Westminster yesterday. The best plant in the competition is Epidendrum Porpax "Patrick", a species with little brown beetle-like flowers, shown by Mrs Jo Kelleher, of Orpington, Kent, who has

scooped the Len Page Trophy. Among the lingering autumn colour is a spectacu-Smisby, Leicestershire. Unfortunately this western Chinese evergreen does not reliably produce its turban-shaped fruits in Britain. It needs a warm sheltered position and hot summers. The golden

Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, have included a myrtle, Myrtus Ugni, in their gold medal exhibit of trees and shrubs. This evergreen shrub from Chile and Argentina produces edible, aromatic, very sweet dark red fruits. Extremely hardy, it needs to be

Gold medals have also been awarded Kenning Hall, Norfolk.

sasanqua camelias has been staged by Coghurst Nursery, of Three Oaks, East Sussex. The crimson "Yuletide". with conspicuous yellow stamens, is especially eye catching. These camelias need shelter from autumn frosts and in cold areas are best flowered in pots in a frost-free greenhouse or conservatory.

A new lily, "Golden Stargazer", whose parent is the famous "Stargazer", features in the exhibit of lilies from the Wilford Bulb Company, of East Leake. Leicestershire. One of the first pure yellow oriental hybrids, this lily, which originated in Holland, is pleasantly fragrant

in the RHS ornamental plants competi-tion, Jill Wright, of Cowden, Kent, has won the Rosse Cup for three conifers. The botanical artist Jacqueline Dawson. of Worksop. Nottinghamshire, has been awarded a gold medal for watercolour paintings of common wild flowers,

The sbow, in the New Horticultural Hall. Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

former chairman, Sports Council, 67; Mr Imran Khan, cricketer, 46;

Sir John Drummond, writer and broadcaster, 64: Sir Cosmo Hask-

Birthdays today

ard, former Governor, Falkland Islands. 82: Mr Dickie Jeeps. Dr Elizabeth Laverick, electrical engineer, 73, Lord McConnell, 76, Sir Fergus Montgomery, former MP. 71: Lord Naseby, 62: Lord Richardson of Dundsbourne, KG, 83: Mr Richard Seifert, architect, 88: Mr LP.L Shurman, former Banking Ornbudsman, 68: Lord Weatherill. 78: Sir Peter Wright. former director, Birmingham Roy

Prior's Field School, Godalming

The Governors of Priors Field School announce the appointment of Mrs Jenny Dwyer to succeed Mrs Jenny McCallum as Headmis-tress in September 1999. Mrs Dwyer is currently a Deputy Head at Queen Anne's School, Caversham, and was formerly a housemistress at Benenden School.

Service luncheon RASC and RCT Officers

Luncheon Clab General Sir Sam Cowan was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers Luncheon Club held yesterday at Mark Masons Hall, St James's. Brigadier D.N. Locke, chairman, presided.

Luncheon

Tallow Chandlers' Company The Lady Mayoress was a speaker at a Tallow Chandlers' Company luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. During the Juncheon Mr Bobby Nicolle, Master, presented the Tallow Chandlers' medals and awards to BP apprentioes and young researchers. Mr Peter Sutherland, Chairman of BP,

Receptions Baroness Jay of Paddington

Baroness Jay of Paddington was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Com-mons to mark the launch of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust's 'Agenda for Personal Safety'. During the recep-tion Lady Jay presented Baroness Mallalieu, QC, the trust chairman, with the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners' Community Unit Award in reognition of international personal safety work carried out by the trust.

Inter-Parliamentary Union The Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the executive committee were the hosts at a reception held yesterday at the Palace of Westminster after the State Opening of Parliament, Members of the Cabinet and Heads of Diplomade Missions in London were among

those present.

Christchurch, New Zealand Service reception

Armed Forces Parliamentary. Field Marshal Lord Inge, Constable of HM Tower of London, with Sir Neil Thorne, Chairman of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, received the guests at a reception held last night at HM Tower of London. The Speaker, the Secretary of State for Defence and Members of both Houses of Parliament were among those present

Lecture English Speaking Union Lord Hurd of Westwell, CH, delivered the English-Speaking Union's 1998 Churchill Lecture at Guildhall last night. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman, presided and Lord Tugendhat also spoke.

Church news The Ven Anthony Charles Footili, Archdeacon of Lynn, has been

appointed to the Suffragan See of Lynn in the Norwich Diocese in succession to the Right Rev David John Conner on his appointment as Dean of Windsor.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Lope de Vega, dramatist, Madrid, 1562; Catherine of Braganza, Queen Consort of Charles 11. Vila Vicosa, Portugal, 1638; Charles Kemble, actor-manager, Brecon, 1775; Joseph Lancasier, educator, London, 1778; Andrew Carnegie, iron and steel manufac-turer and philamhropist, Dunfermline, 1835; Karl Benz, pioneer of the motor car, Karlsruhe, Germany, 1844: Angelo Roncalli, Pope John XXIII 1958-63, Sotto il Monte, 1881:

Nikolai Vavilov, plant geneticist, Moscow, 1887. DEATHS: Edward Alleyn, actor manager, London, 1626; Isaac Wans, hymn writer, London, 1748; Joseph Wilton, sculptor, London, 1803; Sir Francis Chantrey, sculp-tor, London, 1841; Sir Augustus Callcott, landscape painter, London, 1844; John Gibson Lockhart, biographer of Sir Walter Scott, Abbotsford, 1854; Heinrich Barth. explorer in Africa. Berlin, 1865; Lilian Baylis, founder of the Old Vic, London, 1937; Johannes Jensen, poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1944, Copenhagen, 1950:

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, mining industrialist, Johannesburg, 1957: Dame Myra Hess, pianist, London. 1965; Upton Sinclair, novelist, Bound Brook, New Jersey, 1968; Yukio Mishima, writer, committed ritual suicide, Tokyo, 1970; U Thant, Secretary-General of the UN 1961-71, New York, 1974.

The Flood (Genesis vi.9) is said to have begun on this day, 2348 BC. John Mayenberg of St Louis, Missouri, paterned evaporated milk, 1884. Againa Christie's The Mousetrap opened at the Ambassadors Thea-

tre, London, 1952.

HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT lar berrying shrub, Euonymus Myrianthus, on the stand of Bluebell Nursery, of

By ALAN TOOGOOD

AUTUMN flowering trees and shrubs have given way to exotic plants at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show. Some have even come over from

with non-fading golden yellow flowers.

The exhibit also features miniature

yellow berries turn scarlet, and split open to reveal orange seeds.

grown in acid soil.

to two exhibits of plants which are especially useful for winter interest in the garden: conifers, from Linchuden Nursery, of Bisley Green, Surrey, and bamboos, staged by P W Plants, of A large collection of cultivars of

Memorial services

Dame Catherine and Mr Tom Cookson

The Lord-Lieutenant of Type and Wear was represented by Colonel Hugh Brown at a celebration of the lives of Dame Catherine and Mr Tom Cookson held yesterday in the Cathedral Church of St Mary, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle officiated, assisted by Canon Frank Dexter, Vicar of St George's, Jesmond, Father lan and St Paul, Tyne Dock, and Father Tom Power. Mr Anthony Sheil read the lesson and Ms Val McLane and Mr Ray Savenson read from the works of Catherine Cookson. Dr David Harle, Mr Mike Neville and Mr Paul Scherer gave addresses.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the City of Newcastle and the Mayor and Mayoress of South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council attended. Among those present were:

those present were:

Mrs Edna Humphries, Mr and Mrs Jack
Sables, Miss M Bakkevold, Mr and
Mrs Foster Barkez, Mr and Mrs W
Bird, Ms Nancy Charlton, Mr and Mrs
Michael Lavelle, Mr and Mrs C Lear,
Mrs E Veitch.

The Bishop of Newcastle and Mrs
Wharton, Lady Cart-Ellison, Professor
Sir Philip Cohen, FRS (Durdee University), Mr Aidan and Lady Victoria
Cumhert, Mrs David Harle, the Rev
Michael Cangion, Mrs M Neville,
Mrs Jim Cousins, Ms Anne Gordon,
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Judy Loe, Mr Rob Beninson, Mr
Trevor Bowen, Ms Moira Conway, Mr

Gordon Hann, Mr Alan Kaupe, Mr C Norris, Ms Donna Mondy, Mr Sylves-tra le Touzel, Mr Colin Townes and Ms Jenny Coy, Mr David Wheatley, Mrs Brends Whitelock, Ms Tracy Whitwell, Mr Michael Whyte, Mr Ash Willian-son, Ma Helen Crayford, Ms Office Simpson, Ma Jean Weatherist, Mr Thomas Bates, Mr and Mrs Ray Branch, Canon and Mrs Goorge Chadwick, the Rev Robert Chavner, Mr and Mrs Bob Chifton, Mr Laurence Cotterell, Mr and Mrs S Cartis. Mr Ronnie Dalton, Canon F R Dester, Mr and Mrs Piers Dudgeon, Mrs May Gibson, Mr and Mrs I Graves, Mr and Mrs I Henderson. Mr and Mrs H Herman, Ms Shella Humble, Mr and Mrs Dorald Ireland, Mr and Mrs H Herman, Ms Shella Humble, Mr and Mrs Dorald Ireland, Mr and Mrs H Herman, Ms Shella Humble, Mr and Mrs Dorald Ireland, Mr and Mrs H Jerman, Ms Shella

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Mrs J J D'A Campbell (Girton College, Cambridge), Professor Particia; Clark, FRS (also representing the Principal, Queen's College, Miss Joan Renworthy (Si Holda's College, Oxford), Mr James Wright (Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle upon Tyre University) with Mr Martyn Ladda (Hanon Gollery), Mr A Wilson (South Shields Museum), Mrs Dorren Elwell (chairman, Tynedale Council) and Mr Maktohn Elwell, Mr Tom Fernelly (South Shields Town Hall), Mrs Diana Oxechury (Chargers Ancaster College, Bertill-on-Sea, East Sussext.

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Ms Sonia Land (Sheil Land Associates) with Mrs Anthony Sheil, Mr Robert Colls, Ms Gaynor Davies, Mr Derck Jones, Ms Kathleen Jones, Ms Kath O'Connor and other past and present members of staff; Mr Mark Barty-King (managing director, Trans-

world; and Mrs Barry-King with Ms Linda Evans, Ms Vivien Carrett, Ms Liz Laczynska, Mr Ian Marnhire, Ms Nuala O'Neill and other marnhers of staff; Ms Patricia James (Linte Brown), Ms Sandra Monks (DC Thomson), Mr Ian Somerville (Womans Weekly), Mr Mark Dickinson (Newasale Journal), Ms Ionsier Harland (Bookwach), Ms Patricia Hendeson (A Thore Publishing, Mr Rob Lawan South Shaids Gazene, Mr Mile McGiffen Standey Sun), Mr Strand Maler (Ransing House)

Ms Jane Smailes (NUT Writers' Chib), Ms Andrea Stafford (Young Sinfonial) Mr Frank Tebbut (Young Sinfonial) Mr Frank Tebbut (Young Sinfonial) Mr Frank Tebbut, Sister Paula Coulson (Royal Victoria Infirmary), Ms Kabe Mactariane (Nuffield Hospital), Mr Peter Magnay (Thomas Magnay & Co) with Ms Bernute Black, Ms Denise Quint and other members of staff; Mr David Hawkins (Gibbons & Manmingum), Ms Anna Anthey (British Nursing Association), Mr Antrew Chadwick (Project Trust), Ms Shirley Chambers (Shelter), Ms Fiona Clark (Royal Literary Pund), Mr J L Downs (Normandy Veterans, Tyneside) and Mrs Downs, Mr Mark Gove (Respect), Ms Shella Gray (British Nuclear Tesse Veterans' Association).

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Mr Raiph Hammond Innes

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Mr Ralph Hammond Innes, author, was held yesterday at St Bride's. Fleet Street. Canon John Oates Rear-Admiral John Lang read the lesson and Miss Celia Imrie

read from The Tempest by William Shakespeare. Mr Mark Le Fami, General Secretary of the Society of Authors, Ms Annie Spawton and Mr John Hamilton, Chairman of the Association of Sea Training Organisations, paid Among others present were:

Arnong others present were:

Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGooch, Lady
Macadam, Mr and Mrs I Clespoan, Mr
Maldwin Drummond, Mr Peer Dunkerley, Mr and Mrs D E Lung, Mrs Verena
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Mrs and Mrs Avin Gullaume, Mr John
Hatfield Mr and Mrs I Hattrick, Mrs
Mary Knights, Ms Meeriel Lurken, Mr
Peter Lavery, Mr David Macmillan, Mr
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Bound, Ms Philippa McEwan, Mrs Murrice McAulien, Ms Alison Miller, Mr
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ther for Dominic. CIRLEN - On November 21st

ECCLESTON - On November 18th to Amanda (née Bail) and Andrew, a daug Florence Alice Sken GRAHAM - On 19th November 1998 to Sop (née Aslett) and Alista son, Rory William Asiati, a brother for Tom.

HANSEN - Tomes Hansen and Heien Grist announce the birth of Kristian Alexander, 6.28 an on 23rd November, filbs 9.1/2018. gent - On November 8th to Debotah and Simon, a beautiful son, william Lames, a brother for Robert and Edward. LAFEULIADE - On November 11th at The Portland Hospital to Gabrielle and Laurent, a

PALMER - On November 22nd 1998 at The Portland Hospital to Ftons (née Larkin) and David, a son, George David, a brother for Ryan. PEARCE - On Sunday 22nd. November in Chelses, to Paula (née Condon) and Tim, a son, Liam George REGAN - On November 19th at The Portland Hospital to Nikki (nde Ainsbury) and Andrew, a son, Sam. A brother for Leuren, Chice, Poppy, Jo-Jo and Alexander.

SMETHURST - On Novembe 19th to Karen (née Binfield), and Matthew, a beautiful daughter Frances Grace. Wile - On 22nd November.
1998 to Hayley (nie
Sutton) and Teny, a
precious daughter,
Charlotte Jodie, a sister for
Daniel.

DEATHS esford-stocke -

EPESFORD-STOOKE— Creatingh dearly loved and devoted wife of the late Sir George (Toby) Beresford-Stooke KCMG KSt.1. Adored mother of Peter and Cara, mother-in-law of John and Elizabeth, grandmother of Anna. of John and Elizabeth, grandmother of Anna, Lucy, Marina, George, Alex and Charles, Peacafully on November 2nd. Service of Thankegiving Hillfarrance ist December 2,00 pm. No Howers please, Donations if desired, to Shaftesbury Homes and Arethuse c/o Thomas Bros. High Street, Wallington, Sonnerset.

DEATHS SERLINER - Certrude
Florence (Lindy) on
Saturday November 21st
peacefully aged 56. Widow
of Philip. Funeral Service
at Eastbourns
Cremstorium Family
Chapel, 11.15am, Tuesday
December 1st.

BOND - Lexiey June died peacefully after much suffering, at Fairford Cottage Hospital, Cloucestershire on Thursday 19th November 1998, Much Joved wife of Tony and inspiration to many people.

SYRNE - On 22nd Novez 1998, at peace after a short lines. Thomas Byrne BDS, NUL, such loved husband of the late Olimpia, father and grandfather. Requises Mass at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, Whetstone N20 at 10,00cm on Monday 30th November.

CRESWELL - Jean (Lilium Jane) née Maxwell, wonderfui wife to Jack for over 60 years, else was devoted to her sons Peter and Michael and to her live grandchildren.
Cremation will take place at Eastbourne. at Eastbourns
Crematorium on Monday
Sith November at 10,45cm.
Family Rowers only,
donations if desired to any
Deef Concern or The
International League for
the Protection of Horses
c/o Seaford Fameral
Services, 22 Setton Road,
Seaford, BN25 1RU.

CROWNE - Beatrice Holon, peacefully on 23rd November at home in Burnham Market. Belove wife of Charles and mother of Helem, Stephen Elizabeth and Peter. Requiem Mans, Monday 30th November 12 moon, a St. Henry's RC Church, Burnham Market, followed by Interment. Family Howers only, donations to Charlty of your choice. DE GLEBRONT - Geoffrey, aged 91. Dearly loved inther and grandinther, peacefully on Sunday 22nd November.

DEVERENT. - Juliet, on 22nd November at Thames Valley Rouples, Windsor. Funeral Monday, 30th November, 12 noon, at St. Joseph's Church, Cockham Road, Matdeaheed, Family flowers only, Donations, if desired, to the Hospice or the Cancer Unit, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

DOWSON - George Carlos Malceim, John died pescafully on 22nd November 1978 aged 85 years. Loved husband of Rossmary and father of Patrick, James and Colin. Funeral Service at St. Joh Baptist Church, Cirancester on Thursday captus Church, Cirencester on Thursday 3rd December at 11.15 am. Enquiries to Packer & Slade 01285 653525.

EIGAR - S. John, pascefully on November 19th, Much loved, reunited with his beloved Mary. Funeral Service at The Queen of the Apostee RC Church, Cheddar, on Thursday November 28th at 11.58er, followed by creunition.

ANNAS - Torgrim, on November 20th 1998, after a short illness agad 82.

SLP - William, pescefully on 22nd November, aged 91, at house in Cambridge. No Howers. Donations to Parkinson's Disease Society.

JETTHEYS - Professor David Gwyn pescafully at the Conquest Hospital on Zird November. Requirem Mass takes place at St. Barnabes Church, Beschill 10.00sm Friday 4th Decomber followed by cremation at Eastbourne. Enquiries to Mammery F/D Tel: 01424 730418.

MACARTHEY - Mary, died peacefully after a short lilness in Feliastowe on November 20th, Funeral service at Kirten Church, Suffelk on Monday November 30th at 12.30m. Family flowers only but doubtions if desired made payable to Kirten Church may be sent to Farthing Funeral to Farthing Funeral Service, 126 High Road West, Felicatows, IP11

NOODE - On November
19th Barbara Alica MA,
MSc, MB vet, Died
peacefully aged 66. Dear
state of Betty, auni and
great-aunt. Former
lecturer at the Department
of Anatomy, Cardiff
University, Funeral at
Thorabill Crematorium,
Cardiff on November 27th
at 12.20. Family flowers
only.

OKELLY - Sheelagh, suddenly at house on 19th November 1998. Funeral service Micoday 30th November at 2.30pm South Chapel Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton. Flowers or donations. If desired, to The Friends of the Mac Ketih Centre for Children of Ocopore & Son Funeral c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, 01273 475557.

PACIONAN - Stanley James died pestafully on November 20th 1998 aged 78. Funeral Service on December 2nd 1998 at St Giles in the Field, Holborn at 1.45 pm. Please no flowers but donations in nemeral but densities in memory to Exeter. Cathedral Old Chorister Association Bursary Fun Benevolent Fund of College of Optometrists.

PARKER - Ropert, Suddenly on 22nd November 1998. Our darling beautiful boy who was so gratts and kind. He was much loved by averyone who knew him and most especially by his preving parents
Katins and Charles.

Evennel agreece will take Katina and Charles. Funeral service will take place on Friday 27th November at 5t. Joseph's RC Church, Guildford, 9.30sm. Family flowers only place. Donations for Royal Maraden Hospital Charity c/e Ayling Funera Service, 35 South Road, Guildford Seurey, GUZ 6NY, Tei,01483 567333.

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London, No 4DP.

SWANTON - Ann (nde de Montmorency) died opencefully on November 23rd following a severe stroke. Beloved wide of Jim. mother of Billy and Eddle, mother-in-law of Sally and Susan, grandmother of Emma and George, Jamie and Laura. Funeral at St. Clement's Church, Sandwich at 11.30an on Tuesday Church, Sandwich at 11.30am on Tuesday December Lst. Family flowers only, donations if desired in memory to the St. Clement's Appeal Fund, c/o The Rector of Sandwich, Knightrider Street, CT13 9ER.

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THOMPSON - Raiph Neal
aged 85 died peacefuily on
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Much loved father of
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Leatherhead on Friday
7th November at 11.00
am. Family flowers only,
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Artny, Enquiries to
Andrew Holmes & Son oo
0181-391 2400.

WHATHAM - Gübert Richard died 21st November 1998 in hospital: dearly loved and dearly loving husband of Christine and father of Carolino. Funeral Service will take place on Friday 27th November at St Mary Magdaleno, Rusper, Wes1 Sussex at 10.15 am followed by tremation at Magdalone, Rusper, West
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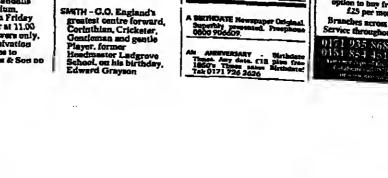
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Sir Kenneth Oxford, CBE, QPM, former Chief Constable of Merseyside, died on November 23 aged 74. He was born on June 25, 1924.

hroughout his forty-year career, whether as a promising young detective with the Metropulitan Police or as Chief Constable of Merseyside. Kenneth Oxford was driven by a deeply held conviction that the effects of crime go beyond its immediate victims and strike at the heart of civil society. "If we cannot prevent the dreadful increase in crime, or at least contain it, the freedom and way of life we have been accustomed to enjoy for so long will vanish." he declared in 1978.

With his fundamentalist ap-

proach to law and order, he was something of a policeman's policeman. He set high standards for himself and for his officers, and was intolerant of indiscipline or misconduct within his force. But he saw little wrong with a system which allowed complaints against the police to be investigated by policemen, and he was quick to defend his service against its critics. condemning on more than one occasion what he saw as an unjustified campaign of vilification" by "predictable vociferous groups bent on the disestablishment of democratic policing . . . supported by so-called investigative journalism".

Such attitudes, and a willingness to give them forthright expression, turned him him in the 1970s and 1980s (along with his Manchester counterpart James Anderton) into a hero among Young Conservatives. and something of a bogeyman to most shades of liberal opinion. They also led to a serious breakdown in relations between police and community at the time of the

1981 Toxteth riots.

Kenneth Gordon Oxford was born in Lambeth, South London. and educated locally at Caldecot School. His mother died when he was seven, and he was brought up by his elder brother and his father. a hospital maintenance engineer. He left school at 15 and two years later joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve. After service as a flight sergeant with Bomber Command in South-East Asia from 1942 to 1947, he had thoughts of training to be a teacher. Instead, be joined the Metropolitan Police. There he remained for 22 years. After nine months he was assigned to the CID: he went on to reach the rank of Detective Chief Superintendent.

Prominent among the investiga-dons with which he was involved was that into the notorious A6 murder of August 1961. The case led to the conviction, after what was then Britain's longest ever murder trial, of James Hanratty, a naive and semi-literate petty crook who was hanged, still protesting his innocence, on April 4, 1962. The Hanratty case became some-

thing of a cause célèbre, and the original police investigation was subsequently much criticised for having brought about a near-certain miscarriage of juscice. Oxford himself, however, then a detective sergeant, seems to have been beyond reproach. He was described by the reviewer of one recent book on the case (himself a former senior policeman) as having shown "an honesty of purpose not always then practised by some Scotland Yard colleagues". He later played an important part in the police inquiries occasioned by the Profumo affair.

SIR KENNETH OXFORD



Oxford: very much a policeman's policeman with his fundamentalist approach to law and order

In 1969 he left London to take un the post of Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) with the Northumberland Constabulary, subsequently Northumbria Police. Soon after taking up his new post he conducted an investigation prompted by the widespread disorder which accompanied a British tour by the South African Springboks rugby team. Police factics in dealing with anti-apartheid protesters outside one match in Swansea prompted more than 200 complaints from members of the public. Called in to examine them. Oxford concluded that there was no justification for prosecuong any of the officers

In 1974 he was appointed Deputy Chief Constable of Merseyside

Police: two years later he became Chief Constable. At Northumbria he had already shown a tendency to outspokenness, provoking quesdons in the House of Commons on one occasion in 1972 with his remarks about "the chicanery that goes on in the legal profession" and his complaints at a criminal justice system in which "the dice are loaded against the forces of law and order". On Merseyside he contin-

ued in similar vein.

He took charge there at a time when crime was not only increasing but changing. The drugs trade. especially, was a new and fastgrowing menace, but there was also an alarming 45.8 per cent increase in recorded woundings and assaults between 1976 and 1981, many of them perpetrated on infirm or elderly victims. But if the offences and the victims were new. the attitudes and policing methods which Oxford attempted to apply were those in which he had always believed. He was dismissive of the influence of factors such as unemployment or poor housing in promoting crime. Rather, he blamed it on a breakdown in family and community values, and the erosion (encouraged by the media) of accepted codes of conduct

and personal accountability. In policing a volatile urban environment on the basis of such views, he found himself hampered by a lack of mature and experienced officers, many of whom had left the force over pay and conditions at

around the ome he moved to Merseyside Instead, as he later admitted, he was forced to rely on men in their mid-twenties or younger who, for the first time in their lives, found themselves in a position of uniformed authority over their peers. Relations between the police and local youths were especially bad in the Toxteth area of Liverpool 8. an inner-city district with a large ethnic population, some of whom had been resident for three generations. Tension turned to violence in the summer of 1981.

Oxford was firm in blaming the

ensuing "uncivilised rampage" on a lack of proper parental supervision. If families were not prepared to stop their children behaving like "thieves and vagabonds", he was ready to do so himself. His decision to spend some £50,000 on riot equipment, and to authorise the firing at crowds, for the first time on mainland Britain, of canisters of CS gas, attracted much criticism, not only from community leaders who demanded his resignation, but also from some senior officers in other forces. It led to a long-running conflict between the Chief Constable and the members of the Merseyside County Council police committee, to whose then chairman, Margaret Simey, he was "one of those bogus Cromwells in the police who think they're morally better than the rest of us".

Oxford - never the most sensi-tive of men - was unmoved by such criticism. He remained unrepentant and assured anyone who would listen that, with lives and property at risk, he had had no option but to act as firmly as he did. But under outside pressure - this was the time that Michael Heselone took Liverpool under his personal wing - the Toxteth district was subsequently the scene of an early experiment in "community policing" a return to the old principle of the man on the beat, with the aim of establishing "a better dialogue with the people".

Awarded the Queen's Police

Medal in 1977 and appointed CBE in 1981, Oxford found his later years at Liverpool somewhat blighted by a deterioration in his already poor relations with the police committee, with whom he was involved in endless wrangles over expenditure and accountability, especially in the aftermath of the miners' strike of 1984-85. He also had to struggle to maintain morale among his 4,500 officers who, in the mid-1980s, had the highest sick rate of any police force in the country. Even after his retirement, he found himself controversially engaged for several years in the attempt by one of his former Assistant Chief Constables, Alison Halford, to prove that she had suffered sexual discrimination during her ome on the Merseyside

Knighted in 1988, he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Merseyside. Later that year he presided at a series of disciplinary hearings against members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary arising out of the investigations conducted by the then Deputy Chief Constable of Manchester, John Stalker.

He retired in June 1989, becoming a regional director of Lloyds Bank, 1989-91. During his police career he had served, from 1976 to 1984. as county director of the St John Ambulance Brigade, and in retirement he was further active in charity work.

Kenneth Oxford is survived by his wife Muriel, whom he married in 1954. They had no children.

* PROFESSOR STUART SUTHERLAND

Professor Stuart Sutherland, psychologist, died on November 8 aged 71. He was born on March 26, 1927.

f Stuart Sutherland's life had not been disrupted by a mental breakdown, he might have made an even greater mark as an experimental psychologist. As it was, he was important for his work in setting up the experimental psychology laboratory at Sussex University. and in inspiring younger psychologists to meet his demands for rigorous, computable theories.

He was big of body and large of mind, with an intense intellectual energy which left him restless when not working, and a breadth of knowledge that encompassed philosophy, physics, history, architecture, drama, poetry, wine and beer, as well as his own discipline, psychology. In daily life he was an amalgam of humour and melancholy. charm and gruffness, courage and vulnerability. He will also be remembered for his book Breakdown.

Norman Stuart Sutherland was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham. and Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a first in Greats in 1949 and, after National Service, a first in the then relatively new school of psychology, philosophy and physiology in 1953. This brilliant academic record was followed by an early fellowship at Magdalen and, later, one at Merton. He was a university lecturer in experi-

mental psychology, 1960-64. From the mid-1950s to the



each summer to work at the Zoological Station where J. Z. Young and his colleagues were investigating the physical basis of memory, using the common octopus. Sutherland had already developed his lifelong interest in how animals, including humans, recognise shapes - and the attraction of octopuses was that they learn extremely quickly. He could, therefore, test his various theories of shape recognition much more rapidly with them than with aboratory rats.

Having established a robust visual discrimination protocol the standard for all octopus workers ever since), he pub-lished a remarkable body of work on their visual capabilities over a number of years. His experiments were rigorous and elegant. His prediction that nerve cells in the visual system functioned to detect elementary visual features anticipated the neurophysiological studies of Hubel and Wiessel (for which they won the Nobel prize). Mechanisms of Animal Discriminamid-1960s he visited Naples tion Learning, which Suther-

land and his former student N. J. Mackintosh published in 1971, was a major contribu-tion to the study of learning and visual discrimination.

When Sussex University was being established, its second Vice-Chancellor, Asa Briggs, persuaded Sutherland to take the first chair of experimental psychology. From 1965 Sutherland rapidly assembled in Sussex the most exciting group of young re-searchers in the country. Like their mentor, the new members of the faculty were dedicated to developing rigorous theories and putting them to stringent experimental tests.

Sutherland was a visiting professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1961-62, and was something of a sensation in America. He told audiences of psychologists to study "artificial intelligence": he told audiences of the artificial intelligentsia to study experimental psychology. He astonished his hosts at Princeton by coming to a party held in his honour clad only in pyjamas, lying on the floor (because of his bad back) and haranguing his circle of admirers about the evils of American foreign policy.

In the early 1970s Sutherland suffered a nervous breakdown. He described his experiences and his treatment with the utmost candour in Breakdown (1976. second edition 1998). The book assessed cur-rent psychiatric practices and expressed his contempt for psychoanalysis. The book is remarkable for ins informed insight and for the courage with which those insights are shared. It was a deserved

Simon Gray transformed Breakdown into the memorable play Melon, which ran in the West End and on Broadway. When someone proposed that the central role be played by Robert Morley, who resembled Sutherland in appearance, the reaction was comical: "He's not good-looking enough to play me. It should be Alan Bates." And Alan Bates il was.

Sutherland's breakdown ended most of his serious scientific research, but not his other academic activities. He never ceased to write, contributing to The Times Literary Supplement and other papers. Covering a huge range of fields, his articles were always pointed and provocative, and often amusing. In 1987 he published a novel, Men

Change Too. In 1989 he produced a Dictionary of Psychology for Macmillan (second edition, 1995). Hidden among its 500 pages of learned and technical entries are a number of Sutherland gems: "love", for in-stance, is defined as "a form of mental illness not yet recognised in any of the standard diagnostic manuals".

Sutherland's last book, Irrationality: The Enemy Within (1992), questioned the basis of many common practices. He wrote often about the lack of evidence for the efficacy of such procedures as formal interviews, continuous assessment, university performance tables and written exams.

Stuart Sutherland married Jose Fogden in 1956. He is survived by her and their two daughters, and by Julia Purcell, his close companion in recent years.

JAMES GOLDMAN



James Goldman, playwright and screenwriter, died on October 28 aged 71. He was born on June 27, 1927.

liked to experiment for comic effect with different forms, periods and styles - sometimes all at once - James Goldman made his biggest splashes with the libretto for Stephen Sondheim's Follies and his screenplay The Lion in Winter, which won him an Oscar. History, families, power and the incorrigible nature of rival-ry were his subjects; yet he wrote about them, rather against the grain, largely as comedy. Real ideas often seem to be struggling to free themselves from his quirky tone. but in the end they rarely

succeed. James Goldman was born in Chicago and attended Chicago and Columbia universi-oes, and planned to be a music crioc. But he was called up into the US Army, and by the end of his two years' service in Korea he had decided to try his hand at writing plays.

He could not find a decent director in America, so his first work, They Might Be Giants (1961), opened at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, where Joan Littlewood, Avis Bunnage and Harry H. Corbett made heavy weather of a frippery tale about a delusionist who believes he is Sherlock Holmes, a lady psychiatrist called Dr Watson, a bear trainer and a robot manufacturer. That it was a mild saore on the lunacy of New York was all the less apparent to its East End audience for being played entirely in English



Ten years later, the film of the play, directed by Anthony Harvey with the zaniness restored and the portentousness cut, starred George C. Scott and Joanne Woodward. and was better received. though even then the ending was an abrupt enigma. In collaboration with his

younger brother William (the screenwriter for Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid), Goldman wrote a routine comedy. Blood, Sweat and Stanley Poole, which opened on Broadway in October 1961. They collaborated again the following year on the now-forgotten musical A Family Affair, about the torture of arranging

a wedding.
But it was They Might Be Giants that was to prove the key to Goldman's much more famous collaboration. Stephen Sondheim read it, was "bowled over", and approached Goldman, suggesting that they write a musical together. Goldman's first idea was to base the show on the tensions and horrors of a college reunion, but he then read about an actual reunion of Ziegfeld Follies actresses. and switched to writing about the bitchiness and loyaldes of superannuated chorus girls.

At first the show was to be called The Girls Upstairs, but by the time it was produced in New York in 1971, it had become the more sophisticated investigation of memory and the past, Follies. Featuring the Sondheim numbers I'm Still Here and Losing My Mind, it London at Leatherhead in won the New York Drama In 1987 a revival of Follies

Follies in London, 1987: Sondheim stood by Goldman's book, despite the critics

Critics Circle award for Best Musical, as well as Best Actress in a Musical (Alexis Smith) and Best Director (shared by Harold Prince and Michael Bennett). Sondheim himself won the second of three consecutive awards as composer (the others being for Company and A Little Night

Music). Follies ran for 522 performances, which can scarcely be called a flop, but with such expensive film names as Alexis Smith, Gene Nelson and Yvonne DeCarlo on the payroll, it was expensive to run and the show actually ended up losing money.

Meanwhile, in 1966, Goldman's history play The Lion in Winter had been directed in New York by Noel Willman. In the footsteps of Jean Anouilh's Becket and Christopher Fry's Curtmantle. this was another drama about Henry II, concentrating on his struggle for power with his Queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine, and his sons. The dialogue was deliberately anachronisoc, but even with Rosemary Harris as the Oueen, the attempt at tragical-historicalcomical did not really come

Two years later, however, it became a film, with Peter O'Toole as Henry and Katharine Hepburn as Eleanor, and in these hands the repartee improved considerably.

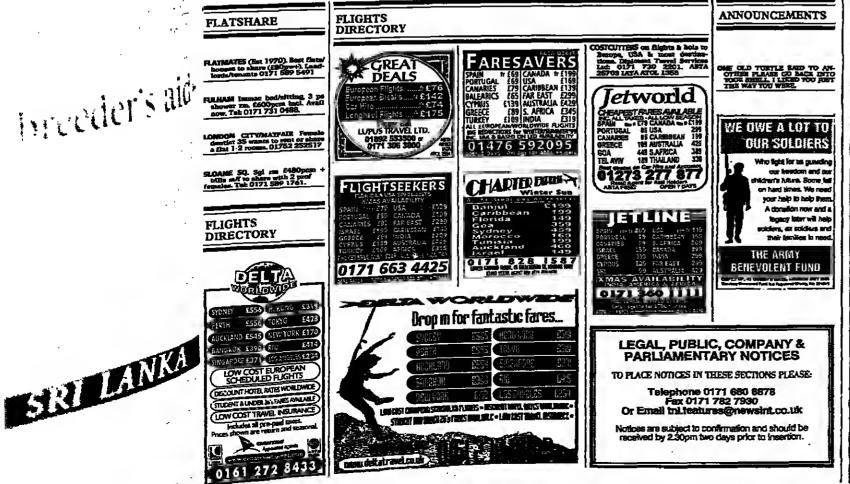
opened in London, starring Diana Rigg and Julia Mc-Kenzie in parts that had been considerably filled out for the occasion. Although the original musical had taken five years to write, Goldman's book had been much criticised in reviews of the original show. Sondheim stood by him (they also worked together on Evening Primrose) but Goldman rewrote very extensively. making Follies mellower and

more nostalgic. This time they had a palpable hit. Back in the historical vein. he wrote screenplays for Nicholas and Alexandra (1971) and Robin and Marion (1976). His last play, Tolstoy, ran briefly

at the Aldwych in 1996. Between commitments in the theatre and for the screen. Goldman wrote three novels. Waldorf (1966) was a Woody Allen-ish tale of art-teaching. Jewish mommas and spies. The Man from Greek and Roman (1975) was an archaeological goose-chase starting and finishing at the eponymous department at New York's Metropolitan Museum And Myself as Witness (1980) was a kind of fictional sequel to A Lion in Winter.

James Goldman was married twice: first to Marie McKeon in 1962, and secondly to Barbara Deren in 1975. He is survived by his second wife and by the son and daughter of his first marriage.

PERSONAL COLUMN



THE CURE OF CONSUMPTION

I attended the lecture delivered today at Dr Bergmann's Clinical Hospital, in the Ziegel Strasse, when several patients belonging to the poorer classes were inoculated by Dr

Koch's method against lupus.

Dr Bergmann opened his lecture and demonstrated by telling the 250 physicians present that they must bear in mind that no cure had been effected so far. The patients present at the demonstration comprised some some being covered from head to loot with the disease. They were all inoculated in the back, and this explodes the theory that lupus patients must be inoculated in places nearest the parts of the body affected by the disease. Dr Bergmann stated that the greatest possible care was necessary in apportioning the quantity of the fluid injected, on account of its xoisonous nature which was not yet fully understood. One robust man received one and a half centigrammes, others one centi-gramme, and children one millegramme. The fear lately expressed that Dr Koch himself was affected with suberculosis is

supported not only by Dr Koch, who admits

ON THIS DAY

November 25, 1890 经验的

For his work in discovering the micro-organisms causing tuberculosis Robert Koch (1843-1910) was awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1905. Deaths from the disease in England and Wales fell from 61,000 in 1900 to 1,000 in 1990

having felt reaction after inoculation such as occurs in consumptive patients only, but also by the following case of indirect evidence. A young and well-known physician, whose name is withheld out of consideration for his family, though considering himself in excel-lent health, inoculated his own person for purposes of medical observation. Fever, vomiting, and all the symptoms of reaction followed. His expectorations when examined proved conclusively that he had become slightly affected with suberculosis. The man in now in the hospital.

The foreign physicians in Berlin were informed loday on authority that sufficient lymph to supply all European hospitals would be ready within a fortnight.

A chemical examination of Dr Koch's lymph was made in Vienna today at Dr Jollo's laboratory. Among the medical men present was the Vienna correspondent of the Lancet. It was ascertained that the liquid is free from any metallic substances or cyanic compounds, which have been supposed to form a principal constituent of the new anti-tubercular remedy. Promaines, the prod-uct of the action of bacilli and alkaloids, were also not to be detected by the usual tests. Only the abundant presence of proteid substances, partly belonging to the class of peptones, partly to that of towalburners and enzyms or non-organized ferments, could be diagnosed. Similar bodies are known to be produced by the action of micro-organisms on the organic substances in the animal body and plants.

It is stated here that Dr Koch's discovery is following the direction indicated by the late

Dr Woolridge, of London, among others, in his studies for overcoming anthrax by preventive inoculations with liquids free from

Injections with Koch's lymph were made today in several of the Vienna clinics.

PARIO & TV

Preview: Becky Sharp gets a mod-

ern spin. Omnibus: The Whirl of Vanity Fair (BBCl. 10.45pm). Re-

view: Joe Joseph on people who pay

opinion .

When politicians take on vested interests, they always lose friends.

But that is what governing is all

Art for their own sakes

To bring the Marbles to Athens is

an ambition with no basis in law,

justice or likelihood...... Page 23

Dulwich College would now be wise to invite a mainstream speak-.

er to make the case for colour-blind

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Constitutional reform is stalled as

the Cabinet conducts its petty

squabble with the Lords. The prae-

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NEWS

Lords becomes the battlefield

■ The future of the Lords became the bitter battlefield for the next political year as tensions erupted in both Houses of Parliament over the Government's plan to strip 750 hereditary peers of their historic voting rights.

As the Oueen's speech for the new session unveiled 22 Government Bills ranging from welfare reform to helping trade on the Internet, Tony Blair and William Hague clashed over Lords reform, with Mr Hague declaring that it would hang like a millstone round Mr Blair's neck Pages 1, 9-12

Hague accused of gutter politics

Peter Mandelson's advisers accused William Hague of entering the gutter after the Tory leader used the opening of the Parliamentary session to make a veiled reference to allegations about the Trade Secretary's private life...

Major under fire

Major Eric Joyce, who has been in dispute with the Army since publishing a controversial pamphlet criticising the "elite", is to be told to resign or face "administrative discharge".

Student revolt

One of Tony Blair's leading academic advisers faced a student revolt after proposing a 30 per cent rise in fees at the London School of Economics......Page 2

Playboy choice

To be really sexy in the eyes of Playboy a women needs two vital attributes. She should be blonde and she should be deceased. The top two in its list of the most sexv women are Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield...Page 3

Trust fined £10,000

The Prince's Trust was fined £10,000 after admitting responsibility for the deaths of two volunteers who were killed when a concrete wall collapsed on top of

Joyce's house

A childhood home of James Joyce has been flattened to make way for an apartment block despite an order to preserve its façadePage 6

45 mph cyclist

A cyclist caught doing 45mph just a foot from the rear of a lorry was fined E35 for riding without due care and attention. He said he was doing only 37 mpn Page 7

Plea for condoms

Condoms should be as available as Coca-Cola to defeat the continuing rise of HIV among young people, said Clare Short, the International Development Secretary.

Prince accused

Allegations of outrageous behaviour towards servants in a Cairo hotel by a big-spending Saudi prince are threatening a diplomatic crisis between Egypt and Saudi Arabia .

Mossad bungle

A senior official of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency, has reportedly resigned after the third bungled spy operation in a year - the arrest of two agents in

Desperate Russians The funeral of Galina Starovoi-

tova, the murdered reformist Duma deputy, has provoked an outbreak of mass soul-searching in Russia by politicians and the electorate...

Jackal eats again

Carlos the Jackal, the jailed terrorist who ended a hunger strike after 20 days, said he had been ordered to do so by a radical Palestinian leader.....

Links with Cuba

The White House is considering a proposal that some experts is the first serious effort to re-examine relations with Cuba Page 19

Car breaks down feet from victory

Carlos Sainz pursued the World Rally Championship for almost 15,000 miles across the sand, mud and gravel of five continents. He was 300 metres from triumph when the engine of his car burst into flames. The heartbroken Spaniard was able to see the finishing post through the windscreen yet he was



A veteran of the Second World War in traditional Cretan dress greets the Prince of Wales during his visit to Greece yesterday. Page 17

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FSA Bill: Growing opposition to the controversial new powers proposed for the Financial Services Authority has forced the Government to take unprecedented steps to ensure its safe passage...

Dull note: EMI, the troubled music group, attempted to shrug off continued takeover speculation as it reported dismal half-year results. lightened only by resilient profits in North AmericaPage 27

M&S meeting: Marks & Spencer

has summoned its overseas direc-

tors to London for a crisis board

.Page 27 Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 50.1 to 5,798.3. The pound rose .83 cents to \$1.6616 and 1.44 pfennig to DM2.8320, the index rising to 101.6

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Cricket: A spectacular storm that turned the Brisbane ground into a lake saved England, at 179 for six facing a target of 348, from proba-.... Pages 46, 52

Football: Duncan Ferguson, the Scotland international, has agreed to join Newcastle United from Everton for £8 millioo. He will play alongside Alan Shearer Page 52 Motor rallying: Richard Burns, driving a Mitsubishi Lancer, won

the Network Q Rally of Great Britain. Burns won 15 of the 18 stages over the last two days Page 50 Simon Barnes: Fast bowlers need a minimum of three weapons: a good straight ball, a good bouncer and a good stare. Each is only truly effective if used in combination with the . Page 46

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Small people: Heather Small and the rest of M People overcame all obstacles on a wet Dublin night, including atrocious acoustics, to give an upbeat live performance...

_ Page 40 Town houses: A growing band of conservationists and planners is urging the Government to regenerate derelict urban buildings to ease the housing crisis Page 41

Birthday bash: From London's Barbican to Huddersfield's Music Festival, Britain is celebrating the 90th birthday of the American composer Elliott Carter ...

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George Clooney tries

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Erica Wagner looks at

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Party act: Rory Bremner's presence at the Prince of Wales's 50th birthday party confirms that he has been absorbed into the very establishment circles he targets... Page 21 Foetal position: Joanna Coles and partner enter into the prenatal

Allen life: If a controversial theory about the origins of life is right, it should be lurking below the surface of many planets Page 20

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Green light: Once a red-light district blighted by decades of urban decay, Cardiff's huge docks area, has been transformed since it was given the go-ahead for redevelopment. Grass act: A house designed for the new millennium uses an old technique - roofs of turf - for conservation and maintenance

Page 38 reasons.

In a period of deepening economic rest, inter-religious conflict is a Indonesia. At the very least, it may political unity

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JAMES FENTON The problem was not that the Ox-

hardship and rising domestic undangerous new challenge facing test the country's embrace of an essentially secularist state; at the worst it may threaten its social and

Did your heart not leap up at yesterday's news that Millennium

Voyager had, at the firm poke of Mr Chris Smith's button-finger, been launched from Cape White-

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hall and sent into an eight-month orbit round the outer space which is regional Britain? I know mine

PETER RIDDELL The House of Lords will oever be properly reformed until, the party leaders start thinking seriously, rather than merely exchanging

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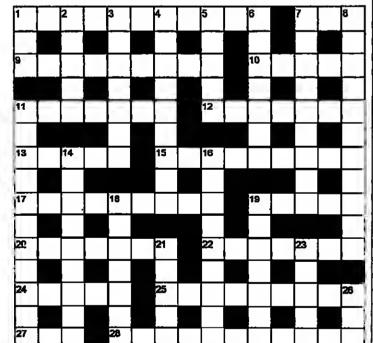
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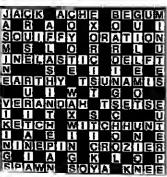
12 Intolerable suspicion about re-tired doctor (3,4). 13 Financial resources for imports 15 Driven to distraction, as climbers

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20 Thank God one got housed in extensive accommodation (7). 22 Cut medical damage, taking in this hormone (7). 24 Visitor is supposed to be an-

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nounced (5).



25 Detest Jack replacing leader in control (9). 27 Drink a round between opening and closing times (3).
28 Though not grand, we got arrayed (after a fashion) in such clothing (5-2-4).

l Bar of plutonium black underneath (3). 2 Behave amorously with participant in elopement? (5).

Edward promises to pay for flat

4 Personal funds former inspector revealed to auditor (9). 5 At university, group of students

put out (5).
6 Central idea in books penned by economist, mostly (7). 7 Break a large nut to produce small pieces (9).

g Stop to provide cover for head (3.3.3.2). 11 Moths will be revealed (4,2,5). 14 Copywriters, taking people in, finally brought to make correc-tion (9).

16 I am willing to participate in snappy declaration (9).
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FORECAST

General: western parts of England and Wales will have some sun, but showers will Wales will have some sun, but showers will break out. The rest of England and Wales mostly dry with sun after early log and frost slowly clears; showers in afternoon. Scot-land and N fretand blustery, with sunny spells and showers snow over higher hills. Tonight, chilly and breezy in E England; dry after showers clear. Rain in Scotland, N England and N fretand later.

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25 1998

New measures in Queen's Speech follow opposition to watchdog's power

Labour seeks to protect FSA

By Marianne Curphey

GROWING opposition to the controversial new powers projosed for the Financial Services Authority, the City's super-watchdog, has forced the Government to take unprecedented steps to ensure its safe passage through Parliament.

The Queen's Speech yesterday unveiled two revolutionary new measures to safeguard the passage of the Bill, which will establish the FSA as the most powerful financial regulator in the Western world.

The draft Bill has been widely criticised for proposing to give the FSA wide and sweeping powers but failing to make it fully accountable.

Senior City figures are concerned that the proposed legislaoon gives the new regulator too much power, and does not insist on a proper separation of its roles as investigator of market abuse, prosecutor of rule breakers, and disciplinary tribunal.

As a consequence, Margaret Beckett, Leader of the Commons, will set up a cross-party committee drawn from both Houses to examine the Financial Services and Markets Bill before it reaches the Commons. This should ensure many of the more contendous proposals are agreed on before the Bill is put before MPs.

The Government also gave notice that if the Bill runs out of ome at the end of the second session of Parliament next year, it

THE Commonwealth Development

Corporation (CDC), the state-owned

emerging market investment compa-

ny, is to be part-privatised in a sell-off

expected to value it at op to £500 mil-

The Government said the enabling

legislation to convert CDC to a public

company will soon be sent to the

House of Lords. The Bill is expected to

clear Parliament next summer, with

A minority stake will be retained by

the Government. The stake is expected

lion (Alasdair Murray writes).

the sell-off shortly after.

will seek cross-party approval to carry it over to the third session. This move is only possible because of new procedures intro-duced under the modernisation of Parliament. Normally a Bill which ran out of time would

next session of Parliament The Bill will create a single regulator for the financial services industry, as well as a single ombudsman to handle consum-

to be about 40 per cent, which cannot

be reduced below 25 per cent without fresh Parliamentary approval. The rest of CDC's capital is expected to be

CDC is keen for part-privatisation to escape Treasury borrowing rules,

which have prevented any increase in

The Government also confirmed

that it will be introducing a Contribu-tions Agency Bill, which will merge

the benefits agency with the Inland

Revenue in a new single organisation.

its £1.6 billion loan book.

offered directly to City institutions.

CONSERVOEN HERRESINE

have to be reintroduced in the

ers' complaints. It will also give the FSA new wide-ranging powers to tackle market abuse.

Stephen Byers, Chief Secre-tary to the Treasury, said that the joint committee would report around Easter, and then the Bill would begin its parliamentary stages "as soon as possible".

Mr Byers said that the Bill was likely to complete its legisla-tive passage early in 2000. The establishment of the joint comover of the Bill into the third Parliamentary session are historic, and show the importance of this Bill and to getting financial regu-lation in this country right."

The Bill has already met opposition from the financial services industry, which believes that the new powers will allow the FSA to act as judge, jury and execu-

A leading legal authority. An-

CONSUMERS and businesses will

soon be able to use "digital signatures"

to buy goods via the Internet, under

new legislation announced in the

Queen's Speech (Chris Ayres writes).

New laws could also allow people to apply for official documents such as

passports and driving licences online.

The legislation comes as companies as

diverse as Tesco, Dixons and HMV are

setting up "virtual shops" on the Inter-

net. The most important legislation

that the Government hopes to intro-

duce concerns digital signatures. These

'DIGITAL SI**GNATU**RES' GET GO-AHEAD

thony Lester QC, believes that the draft Bill will breach the Eu-Funds, yesterday called for an inropean Convention on Human dependent body to examine the Rights. He has given warning that actions taken by the FSA un-der the prohibition on market FSA's findings and rule on whether they were fair.

Angela Knight, chief executive
of the Association of Private Cliabuse would be considered crimi-

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nal, not civil proceedings, and as

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Under current UK law, many transac-

tions are not fully completed until a sig-

nature is scribbled in ink on paper. In

some cases, even faxed signatures can-not be used to complete transactions.

try said a new Bill would ensure "exist-

ing laws which insist on the use of pa-

per would be swept away". It added the Bill was expected to become law in the

next Parliament, and a consultative pa-

per would be published by Christmas,

GREGOR MCMURTRIE / PAGE ON

The Department of Trade and Indus-

can be used as proof of identity.

Howard Davies, chairman of the FSA, said he was preparing to provide Parliament shortly with "a paper on how we propose to exercise our disciplinary DOWERS".

ent Investment Managers and Stockbrokers, said the rules on

Glyn Owen, the former Morgan Grenfell executive who was disciplined by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) for his failure to supervise Peter Young. said the new cross-party committee was "a step in the right direction".

Mr Owen had previously called for the legislation to be delayed in order for the draft Bill to be properly examined.

SHARES in WS Atkins yester-

day fell 51/2p to 551p on con-cern that the civil engineering

consultancy will need a big share issue to fund its planned

acquisition of Bovis, the con-

struction manager, from P&O

year, Bovis is forecast to fetch

£250 million or more. Mike Jeffries, chief executive of Atkins, said his company had £60 mil-lion of free cash, but was still

to decide how to fund the deal.

Crosthwaite, said investors

felt Bovis would dilute the com-

bined group's quality, adding: You are bound to see . . . a

lower rating simply because

Atkins is so well perceived."

Geoff Allum, of Henderson

aul Durman writesi. With £1.85 billion turnover a

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Southgate struggles to dismiss rumours of EMI takeover

BY CHRIS AYRES

EM1, the troubled British music group, yesterday attempted to shrug off continued takeover speculation as it reported dismal half-year results, lightened only by resilient profits and sales in North American

markets. Shares of the company whose acts include Robbie Williams and the Spice Girls fell 41:p to 3601:p, compared with a 1998 high of 6071:p, but were spared further falls by speculation that it may be bought by a company such as A Bertelsmann, the German media group, or Walt Disney.

Sir Colin Southgate, EMI's embattled chairman, said the company's problems had been caused mainly by "pretty awful" markets in Asia Pacific and Latin America. He was again forced to defend his decision to take a time-consuming outside job as chairman at the Royal Opera House. When asked if would give up the job. Sir Colin said: "Of course I'm not going to bloody give up. I'll stay until they're sorted out." He said that EMI was still

searching for a chief executive. after the company's botched succession plans earlier this year resulted in the departure of Jim Fifield, its US chief.

with a £12.5 million payoff.
The company recorded an II
per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £69 million for the six months to September 30, although including losses from its partly owned HMV Media Group subsidiary, profits were closer to £42 million.

Sales at the company fell 3.4 per cent to £994 million, while earnings fell 16.4 per cent to 5. Ip a share. An unchanged interim dividend of 4.25p will be paid on April 9.

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Brian Duckworth, managing director of Severn Trent Water, with Beanie the otter. Severn Trent and Wildlife Trusts launched a scheme in Nottinghamshire yesterday as part of a national campaign to encourage otters back to British rivers. Severn Treut also announced £176.5 million interims. Story 28, Tempus 30

Ecclestone's bond snubbed by banks

THE marketing of the \$2 billion (£1.2 billion) eurobond being issued by Bernie Ecclestone's Formula One Group was dealt a blow yesterday when two leading City investment banks declined to

join the syndicate backing the deal.

Warburg Dillon Read and Merrill Lynch said they had declined invitations to be co-lead managers by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, which is behind the bond. "We reached the decision after full consideration of the transaction," said a

spokesman for Warburg last night.

Morgan Stanley insisted that it had
not yet asked for any firm commitments. Banking sources said the decision not to join the syndicate came because

investors had raised numerous concerns about the bond issue.

These included the price at which it was being issued, the oming and the complexity of the deal as well as some unhappiness that Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, was not go-ing to give a rating to the bond, though three other agencies had agreed to rate it.

"Bringing this issue to market at this time makes it difficult to get away." said one banker. "We would be more happy if Morgan Stanley had waited three months or so."

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Hinchliffe firm seeks administration order

By JASON NISSE

FEELGOOD LEISURE, the mailorder company founded only ten months ago by Stephen Hinchliffe, the controversial South Yorkshire businessman, has applied to be placed in administration.

The move comes only three weeks after Mr Hinchliffe was banned from being a director for seven years over his behaviour when running En-Tout-Cas. a tennis court maker that collansed in 1994.

It also comes less than a month after Knoydart Peninsular, Mr Hinchliffe's company that owned a Scottish estate, went into receivership. The Serious Fraud Office is still investigating the collapse in 1996 of Facia, the shoe retailer Mr Hinchliffe ran. Feelgood was formed with the back-

ing of Chase Montagu, Mr Hinchliffe's investment company, to buy the assets of Freetime Sports, which went into receivership last year.

A month ago it gave a warranty in a legal action that it has £1 million of

assets available. Yesterday Poppleby & Appleton, the Sheffield accountants, confirmed that an application has been made to the courts for an administration order and Keith Oliver, Mr Hinchliffe's solicitor, said that the company may seek to make a deal with its creditors for a company's voluntary arrangement.

M&S board called to crisis meeting

By Sarah Cunningham

MARKS & SPENCER has summoned its overseas directors to London for a crisis board meeting called to end the row over who is to run the company. Paul Smith, who is based in Hong Kong, and Chris Littmoden, based in America, have flown to London for today's meeting. Sir Martin Jacomb. chairman of Prudential and a non-executive director of Marks & Spencer, has also returned from an overseas busi-

that Sir Richard Greenbury has succeeded in persuading the non-executives that he should stay on as chairman. However, he has agreed to split his current job as chairman and chief executive. Sir Richard's preferred candidate for chief executive is Peter Salsbury, a managing director, who is expected be selected. The company is still believed to be looking for a non-executive deputy chairman, with Sir

Christopher Hogg mentioned as a possi-

ble candidate. Sir Christopher is chair-

Sources close to the company said man of Reuters and Allied Domecq and may decide he cannot accept the job be-

cause of other commitments.

Sir Richard is still attempting to persuade the board that it should stick to the original timetable and implement the changes next spring. If it goes down this path the company is likely to issue a holding statement in the hope of satisfying the institutional investors who have grown impatient with the company's silence over the issue. However some institutions said yesterday that they will not be content with a holding

statement and are pressing for immedi-

ate changes to the board.
The fate of Keith Oates, the current deputy chairman and joint managing director, remains unclear. One source said that he has persuaded the board that he was not behind the press leaks earlier this month. These sparked the crisis by suggesting he had made a di-rect appeal to the non-executive directors that they appoint him as replacement for Sir Richard.

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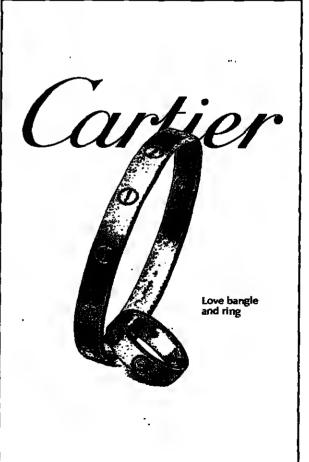


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ITV decision day The future financial map of ITV will be set out today by the Independent Television Commission when it reveals the terms on which it is willes, with loss-making GMTV looking for respite from its heavy financial burden.

Cash call

Airtours, the travel group, is raising £250 million from a bond issue to invest in further acquisitions in Europe or North America. The company has recently been linked with France's Nouvelles Frontières. Page 29, Tempus 30



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Robbie Williams: EMI star

Anglian considers cashback

Anglian Group, the home improvements company. which ended the first half with net cash of £40.6 million, is considering returning cash to shareholders after failing to identify suitable acquisitions.

Strong cash generation saw cash balances rise by £6.7 million in the six months to September 26. Yesterday Eddie Boss, the chief executive, said that the company could opt for a payout to shareholders if no alternative investment" was found within a reasonable period.

The company reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £14 million, from £11.4 million. on sales that rose to £121.9 million, from £117.4 million. Earnings rose to 10.8p a share, from 8.70, and the interim dividend is lifted to 4.2p a share from 4p.

Sterling slides

Shares in Sterling Indus-tries fell 30%p to 213%p yes-terday after the industrial holding company reported a fall in pre-tax profits to £3.91 million, from £7.12 million. The interim dividend is held at 3.5p a share, payable from earnings that fell to 8.94p a share, from 17.59p. The company said full-year profits would fall short of the previous year's £12.76 million, because of the harsh trading conditions.

Trifast bullish

Trifast, the manufacturer and distributor of industrial fasteners, said that it had made a good start to the second half. The company reported a rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £4.62 million, from £4.04 million. The interim dividend is lifted to 4.17p a share, from 3.75p.

Benfield boosted

Benfield & Rea Investment Trust, the insurance investment specialist, increased net asset value for the six months to September 30 to 139.9p per share, from 125.1p last time. The dividend was unchanged

Anglo Irish up

Pre-tax profits at Auglo Irish Bank, the third biggest bank in the Irish Republic, rose 49 per cent to ir£45.1 million (£40.9 million) in the year to Septem ber 30. A final dividend of 1r3p makes Ir4.85p, up 18

Ashquay listing

Ashquay, the property developer, is to seek a listing on the Irish Stock Exchange, after its purchase of an industrial development site on the outskirts of Dublin. It already has a full listing in London.

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Egypt	5.86	5.25
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France Fr	9.96	9.18
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ITC spells out financial terms for future of ITV franchises

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

THE future financial map of iTV will be set out today by the Independent Television Commission (ITC) when it reveals the terms on which it is willing to renew 11 of the 16 licences.

Carlion, Central, Yorkshire and GMTV are among the ITV franchises being revalued. The ITC has promised that the total amount of money paid by ITV companies in special taxes to the Government will de-cline, to reflect the huge increase in competition in broad-

SEVERN TRENT, the water

supply and services group, said yesterday that profits are

unlikely to rise by more than

inflation in the next 18 months,

sending the shares falling

it is also being sued for £11

million by Scottish Hydro-

Electric over a cancelled com-

Severn said its capital invest-

ment programme would slow

profit growth - measured be-

fore interest, tax and millenni-

um bug charges — to the level of inflation or below until 2000.

in talks with its regulator, Of-

wat, to try to prevent an en-

forced 15-20 per cent cot in pric-

es in 2000. The cut was recom-

mended in Ofwat's recent con-

sultative document, which out-

lines a possible regulatory

framework for 2000-05. Sev-

ern met Ofwat last week and

will continue to lobby for a

Vic Cocker, chief executive

of Severn Trent, refused to say

whether Severn would have to

change its dividend policy af-

ter 2000 if the mooted tariff,

He was announcing interim

pre-tax profits of £176.5 mil-

lion, down from £191.3 million

reduction went ahead.

smaller cut.

It also said that it had been

from £10.95 to £10.60.

puter systems contract.

casting since the last franchise

The ITV system, dominated by the big three of Granada, Carlton Communications and United News & Media, pays more than £425 million a year to the Government, consisting of the annual sums that were bid for licences plus a tax on revenue. Analysts believe that when the renewal process is complete, the ITC may cut the

total by £100 million a year. One of the main beneficiaries could be United News & Media, whose chief executive is Lord Hollick, because the

in the first half of last year.

Turnover rose from £620.8 million to £662.6 million.

Severn's non-regulated wa-

ter services arm was hit by a

E5.5 million provision relating

to the Scottish Hydro-Electric

lawsuit. Severn was meant to

supply Scottish Hydro-Elec-

tric with billing and customer

service software. The system

was supposed to be delivered last year and Scottish Hydro-

Electric is blaming Severn for

Profits before interest and

tax rose 26.1 per cent to £16.9

million at Biffa, Severn's

waste services group, which was boosted by widening oper-

ations in Scotland and landfill

Severn estimated that Year

2000 compliance work would

cost £20-£25 million, with

about £14 million charged

against profits in the current

year. Severn also said it was

on course to meet leakage tar-

Earnings per share were 45p, up from a loss of 41.2p last

year, when the windfall tax was paid. An interior dividend

of 12.47p (H-55p) per the the

gets for 1999 and 2000

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Severn Trent

unlikely to

beat inflation

company's three ITV licences are saddled with high bids in Granada has asked for rerelation to their broadcast are-

as. United's Meridian bid for the South of England was £236.5 million plus 11 per cent of advertising revenue. Its Anglia franchise bid £17.8 million plus 7 per cent of revenue and HTV bid £20.53 million plus 2 r cent of revenue. Things are less clear for the

other companies. Carlton bid £43.17 million for its London franchise, plus II per cent of advertising revenue, but it now owns Central, which bid just £2,000 a year, although it

also has to pay II per cent of 1999, 2000 or 2001. Granada

lief on its Yorkshire franchise, which cost £37.7 million plus 7 per cent, and Tyne Tees, costing £15.06 million plus 2 per cent. However, at this stage, Granada has opted not to seek revaluation of either its Granada Television franchise (£9 million plus 11 per centi or London Weekend Television (£7.58

million plus 11 per cent). The ITV companies can choose to apply for the ten-year extension to their licences with effect from January l

appears to have opted to keep paying the relatively small amounts for two of the main

franchises for a little longer. Three other ITV companies that are not applying now are Grampian and

Most attention will focus today on the fate of GMTV. the commercial breakfast station that ousted TV-am with a £34.6 million bid and 15 per cent of revenue. It has been a big loss-maker and without substanoal tax relief its future existence may be at risk.

National Grid plans future for **Energis**

By ADAM JONES

NATIONAL GRID is hoping for further rises in the value of Energis, the business telecommunications group it floated last year, before it sells its remaining 74.3 per cent stake.

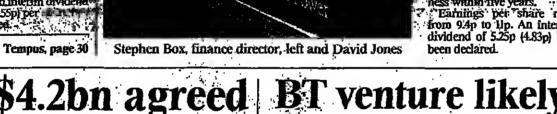
Energis shares have nearly quadrupled in value since floating last December. David Jones, chief executive, said yesterday: "We think there is value still to come through. We see the stake being disposed of in three to five years' time."

He said it was unlikely that the stake would be sold through a placing of shares since National Grid would want a premium to the prevail ing market value.

Mr Jones was announcing interim pre-tax profits of £220.9 million, down from £225.2 million in the first half last year. Turnover fell from £780.1 million to £748.6 million, reflecting a £70 million reduction in revenue after the

sale of the Energls stake. Mr Jones sald that National Grid was looking at electricity transmission infrastructure work in Brazil ft aims to derive 20 per cent of its earnings from outside its UK business within five years.

Earnings pet share rose from 9.4p to 11p. An interim dividend of 5.25p (4.83p) has



AOL tables \$4.2bn agreed BT venture likely takeover bid for Netscape to face full inquiry

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

AMERICA ONLINE, the biggest Internet service company. yesterday launched a \$4.2 billion (£2.5 billion) agreed takeover bid for Netscape, the Internet software maker.

The combined group will be a significant rival to Microsoft, the software company that is attempting to establish a commanding presence on the Internet.

each share. This represents a 4 ment. William Neukom, legal

PEDRO MALAN, the Brazilian

Finance Minister, yesterday insisted

that his country's massive privatisation

programme would not be blown off

course despite the resignation of two key ministers implicated in a financial

Senhor Malan, who was in London

on the first leg of a European tour,

said that he was disappointed that "a criminal act" had forced the resigna-

tion of these "outstanding people", but

scandal (Alasdair Murray writes).

per cent premium over the market price. Netscape shares have risen 50 per cent this month on takeover rumours.

the Brazilian Government would

Luiz Carlos Mendonca de Barros.

Communications Minister, and his

brother, Jose Roberto Mendonca de Barros, the Foreign Trade Minister,

were forced to resign amid allegations they tried to influence the \$19 billion

(£11 billion) sell-off of the state telecom-

fire since tape-recordings showing

nunications company. Telebras. The two ministers have been under

continue with its privatisation plans.

Netscape has been the most important backer of the US Justice Department's anti-trust suit against Microsoft. claiming its market position was hampered by Microsoft's bully tactics.

Citing the Netscape acquisi-Netscape shareholders will receive \$40.16 in AOL stock for tacked the Justice Departtion. Microsoft yesterday at-

adviser to the software company, released a statement saying: "The deal shows how the competitive landscape in this industry can change overnight, making government regulation unnecessary and

counter-productive."

AOL said it had also reached a three-year deal with Sun Microsystems to develop and market electronic commerce software systems that make it easy for companies to set up shop on the Internet.

BY RAYMOND SNODDY

BT SHARES fell 32p to 8621/p as it emerged that its \$10 billion (£6 billion) joint venture with AT&T of America is likely to face a full investigation by the European Commission.

The deal, which has been opposed by competitors includ-ing Cable & Wireless, would create a joint venture to embrace the international operations of BT and AT&T. AT&T has also agreed to market BT's Concert service for large corporations in America. The European Commission

them backing a bid from a consortium

led by a former central bank governor

Brazil's privatisation programme forms a vital plank in its efforts to reduce the public sector deficit and restore financial stability. The Government hopes to raise about \$42 billion

from sell-offs in the next two years.

Senhor Malan, who met Gordon

Brown and Eddie George yesterday, is

were reported in the local press.

is expected to look closely at telecoms traffic between the UK and America. AT&T has an estimated 54 per cent share of the traffic to the UK from America and BT is believed to have a similar share in the op-

posite direction. BT, which has not yet re-ceived confirmation of a full Brussels investigation, has al-ways said it would take 12 months from the July announcement to get full regulatory approval in Europe and

Brazil plays down privatisation scandal reassure creditors and investors that Brazil is committed to reform. Senhor

fend the Brazilian currency, the real. industry could resume.

ed to deplete its reserves further to de-He said he hoped that European creditors would be persuaded that his Government's commitment to reform meant that credit lines to Brazilian

Malan said that Brazil was benefiting

from an "improving although shaky global environment" and had not need-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Powell Duffryn to rise more slowly

POWELL DUFFRYN, the ports and engineering group undergoing restructuring, lifted first-half profits 22 per cent, but said that the growth rate is expected to decline. In its halfyear to September 30, pre-tax profits rose to £25.8 million, from £21.1 million, on turnover from continuing businesses of £181.4 million (£172.5 million). The interim payout stays at 8p.

The group said that it expects a "satisfactory" year, but that without winter revenue from oil operations, second-half growth would fall short of first-half increases. The group sold UKPP, its oil distribution arm, in May. The disposal programme, which began in 1996, is now almost complete, raising about £100 million. In the ports division, steady growth in non-steel cargoes at Teesside was offset by a continuing downward trend in steel exports. Profits from engineering rose to £101.6 million, from £91.8 million, despite the adverse effect of the strong pound. Powell Duffryn shares rose 5p, to 4321/sp.

R-R hints on UK costs

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aircraft engine maker, emphasised yes-terday that it does not believe it will be necessary to move manufacturing work from Britain, even though it admits this would be an option if the UK were to introduce more costly labour laws. Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, told a meeting in Svdney that he did not think it likely that the UK would adopt the more restrictive employment frameworks of some other EU countries. However, he admitted that some production could be transferred to the US if the UK became too expensive.

Rescue plan for Ethical

JOE BOZMAN and Rick Stewart, who recently left the board, of SkyePharma, are leading a \$16 million (£9.6 million) rescue of Ethical Holdings, the drug delivery company that ran out of cash after abandoning a UK listing last year. Mr Bozman will be chairman and chief executive, while Mr Stewart will be president and chief operating officer. Ethical has been saved by backing from Elan Corporation of Ireland, which holds stock convertable into a 68 per cent stake. Ethical had losses of £16.8 million (£4.8 million loss) in the year to August.

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Athlone improves 17%

ATHLONE EXTRUSIONS, the London and Dublin listed company that processes polystyrene sheet and film, reported pre-tax profits up 17.5 per cent at Ir£4.23 million (£3.68 million) for the year to September 30. Turnover was 21.8 per cent higher at 1r£29.62 million. Earnings per share were 7.54p (6.84p) and the company declared a final dividend of 1.57p (1.43p), making a total yearly dividend of 2.36p (2.14p). Jack Hayes, chairman, said the UK market outlook was uncertain but the group was "aiming for a year of growth".

Cosalt's sixth advance

COSALT, which supplies safety equipment, workwear, holiday homes and fibres, has reported its sixth successive year of growth. Pre-tax profit was up by 22 per cent. at £5.62 million, with turnover 7 per cent higher, at £101.0 million. Earnings per share were 31.2p (25.1p) and the dividend is being increased by 18 per cent, to 13.25p. The company said that the results were strong, but noted that "difficult economic conditions" had meant that "the performance of some of the businesses has inevitably been adversely affected".

Cancer charity's stake

THE Imperial Cancer Research Fund is set to have a £2.5 million stake in Antisoma, a biotechnology company that is hoping to raise up to £12 million by floating on Europe's treatment for ovarian cancer developed from work at the ICRF. After a licensing deal in May, the Fund's technology transfer arm became a 13.6 per cent shareholder in Antisoma, which is expected to be valued at up to £30 million. The stock market revival has enabled the company to seek a listing.

VTech 'unscathed'

VTECH, the London-listed Hong Kong electronics group that specialises in children's computers, lifted its pre-tax profits by 50 per cent, to US\$58 million (£35 million), and said that it had remained "relatively unscathed" by the Asian economic crisis because more than 96 per cent of its sales revenue. comes from North America and Europe, Sales rose 24 per cent, from \$407 million to \$506 million. Earnings per share rose by 48 per cent, to 23.3 cents. The interim dividend rises to 5p. from 4p. The shares gained 30p. to 240p.

Steady progress at Sims

SIMS FOOD GROUP, suppliers of meat and poultry, said it was making "steady progress" as it reported pre-tax profits up 6 per cent at £1.1 million for the six months to September 30. Turnover from continuing operations was unchanged at £20.5 million, while earnings per share grew to 2.2p (2.1p). Sims is resuming dividend payments and declared an interim dividend of 0.25p. Overall volumes were 10 per cent ahead of the comparable period last year. Strong growth from burgers and cooked and assembled products was offset by lower selling prices.

Gains for Vibroplant

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VIBROPLANT, the plant and tool hire group, reported that pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 had jumped to £2.04 million, from £820.000 last time. Turnover was £26.98 million (£23.94 million) and earnings per share were 3.7op (1.23pl. The dividend is unchanged at 1.4p. Jeremy Pilkington, chairman and chief executive, said: "We have not seen any sign of deterioration in trading within our markets. We expect a satisfactory outcome for the year as a whole."

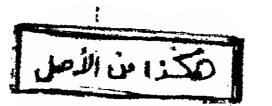
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or two weeks, Marks & Spencer has assumed a lofty silence about the extraordinary debacle over the leadership of the company. This may have been deemed the most digni-fied way to deal with a most un-dignified situation but it cannot be allowed to continue. Today's board meeting must be followed by a statement to the world that exists beyond the upper echelons of Baker Street. Investors and staff need to be reassured that

Since it became apparent that Sir Richard Greenbury's continued domination of the company was, to put it politely, the cause of internal unrest, rumours have swirled to fill the information vacuum. If the directors feel that they can quell those rumours with a mere holding statement, they are mistaken. A continuation of the status quo cannot be in the best interests of the company or any of its dependants.

the non-executive directors are

earning their fees and sorting out

The eruption of the succession problem at the top of M&S could hardly have come as a complete surprise to the body of heavyweights who pack the company's boardroom. More than a year ago they tiproed around the deli-cate issue of whether Sir Richard should be allowed to maintain his Cadbuarially incorrect stance as both chairman and effective chief executive before diplomatically deciding not to cause offence and to leave Sir Richard's role untouched. But at that stage

No holding place for M&S

they must have begun to make plans as to what arrangement might best serve the evolving

needs of the company.

The understandable ambitions of Keith Oates to accede to the top job had percolated through to the City long before they appeared as a job application in the Sunday press. It would not take a non-ex ecutive director with the creden-tials of Dame Stella Rimington to pick up such information.

It is now irrelevant how the job ad. was placed: Mr Oates may have convinced his board that he is blameless in that regard. But it is difficult to see how he and Sir Richard, not renowned for his forgiving nature, might together comprise the team to happily and constructively lead M&S out of its current difficulties. These are not life-threatening, but they do require the full attention of top management. One or other man must surely go and the odds must favour Sir Richard to stay but within a redefined structure.

There is no need, however, for the company to be precipitated into immediately appointing a chief executive: perhaps an organisation with the scale and reach of M&S needs a different top tier. A first stage would be the appointment of a new, non-executive, deputy chairman to



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stand between Sir Richard and

his executives. Rumours still favour Sir Christopher Hogg, although he is well occupied elsewhere. Self-appointed headhunters are marauding the ranks of senior retailers to dig out suitable candidates. Lord MacLaurin was not amused when they rang him. If only to put a stop to such mercenary ac-tivities. M&S needs to act deci-

No business like e-business

lectronic commerce via the Internet must have seemed irresistibly trendy when Peter Mandelson was scrabbling around for his department's legislative contribution to modernising Britain. And why not? Any new market, medium or movement needs rules if it is to grow beyond the experimental and reach its full potential.

Private initiatives such as the Secure Electronic Transaction

protocol sponsored by Visa and MasterCard in 1996 can do most of the work, but governments

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have to help, too.
Once states start enabling other people to do things, howeve the danger is that they will fall for the terrotation to exercise central control. When bureaucrats eye the Internet, they must be paralysed with worry at the ex-plosively free flow of information they find there. While freedom of information laws hang fire, there is a new freedom of information

to clamp down on. Mr Mandelson does not seem able to resist temptation any better than old-style politicians. The first part of his proposed Bill is an enabling measure that business has been asking for. In fu-ture, contracts could be made electronically, substituting an encoded super pin number for a pen and ink signature. You don't have to be a techie to see that secure digital signatures could make a lot of business safer as well as easier. Good marks. Somehow, however, the urge

to control has crept in. The second half of the proposed Bill is liable to be about giving the police and other authorities keys to break the virtually hack-proof codes now routinely used to en-crypt banking and other busi-ness traffic on the Internet.

The temptation is great. Criminal networking, money laundering or child pornography can as easily be scrambled as the day's money market trades. US laws are already imposing some restrictions on encrypting firms. If codes become insecure, how-

ever, the potential for hackers and swindlers is immense. Nor is it theoretical. Five years ago, Russian hackers lifted £10 million from an international bank. Sadly, copies of codes given to the security services for safe keep-ing would be guaranteed to leak, let alone, as was suggested, any entrusted to the local post office. If security were again compro-mised, use of the Internet would start to shrink again instead of expanding exponentially. Perhaps the DTI understands that be-

cause proposals have deliberately been left vague. Even registration of encrypters might be volun-tary. Business will be watching for the detail of an upcoming Green Paper with mixed feelings, as will those who view any unregulated sector as a slash and burn farmer views virgin forest.

In search of the right formula

avid Crossland blithely launched his £250 mil-lion bond issue on to the market without feeling any need to explain exactly what he intends to do with the money. Suffice to say that he wants to be ready to pick up the bargains be expects to come his way as the holiday indus-try continues to consolidate, and he reckons this money is much

cheaper than equity finance. Airtours shares shuddered as profit takers had their way, but the chaps at Morgan Stanley could have been forgiven a jealous twinge or two as they witnessed Mr Crossland's easy confidence. They are working flat out to persuade the market that the \$2 billion Formula One bond will make the finishing post. Despite a miserable reception from normally receptive syndication

desks, the Morgan Stanley team is not giving up yet. The sales pitch is now being targeted squarely at individual investing institutions, who might be per-suaded that the question marks over the future income stream of Formula One can be adequately answered and that even if the EU's cartel-busting Karel Van Miert does his worst, he cannot stop the money flowing, eventual-ly, to the business.

This is the team that managed to raise GPA from the near dead so it is not prepared to give up on the very much alive Formula One yet. But the coupon necessary to attract investors to the issue will have to be generous if it is to succeed. There must come a point when, unlike Mr Crossland, Mr Ecclestone has to ask whether the price is right.

FSA in limbo

AT LEAST one FSA bill is to go ahead. Supermarkets will be relieved not to have to fund the Food Safety Agency, but the Fi-nancial Services Authority is an even more problematic organisation. The complications inherent in rolling all regulators into one necessitate an agonisingly long process during which the FSA has responsibility but not power. The organisations now gathered under its Canary Wharf umbrella will have to muddle through this prolonged period in legisla-tive limbo. The risk is that a major financial mess might slip through the cracks.

Airtours to raise £250m in bond issue

By Sarah Cunningham

AIRTOURS, the travel group, is raising £250 million from a bond issue to invest in further acquisitions in Europe or North America.

The company is already in touch with a number of companies that it might acquire, and has recently been linked with France's Nouvelles Frontières.

Tim Byrne, finance director. said that France, Belgium and Holland were the markets in which it was most likely to

The issue of convertible bonds comes on the back of a strong set of preliminary results that show group pretax profit in the year to September 30 up 17 per cent to £140.3

Shares in the company. which invested £210 million on acquisitions last year, fell 25p to 410p yesterday, however, on profit-taking and residual worries about the poor performance last year of its Scandinavian business.

The problems in Scandinavia led to its continental European operating profits falling

from £38.5 million to £16.3 million. Turnover in that division rose from £834.5 million to £848.1 million.

Mr Byrne said that overcapacity had been stripped out of the Scandinavian business. Trade had already picked up by the fourth quarter and in the first few weeks of the current year was 17 per cent

> In the UK, winter bookings are up by 6 per cent, while for the summer they are 5 per cent ahead of last year. Supply of holidays is being kept tight, but the company said that it had seen little sign that the downturn in consumer spend-

ing was affecting its business. The bonds are due in 2004. Their interest rate, expected to be between 5.25 per cent and 5.75 per cent, will be fixed on or before December 15.

On fully diluted carnings per share of 22.98p (19.68p) the company will pay a final dividend of 6p, giving a total for the year of 7.5p.

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Cellnet is primed for sales leap

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

CELLNET, the UK's secondlargest mobile telephone op-erator, said yesterday that it expected to sign more than 500,000 subscribers in the current quarter, setting a new quarterly record.

Peter Erskine, managing director, said that the boom in the mobile telephone market cononued. He forecast that 12.6 million Britons would have mobile phones by the end of this year, up from 8.4 million at the end of 1997. The total would rise to more than 15 million by the end of 1999.

Mr Erskine, who was apnointed earlier this year to revi-fulse Cellnet, said: "We think the fact that there has been a market boom this year has a lot to do with Cellnet getting

back into contendon." Cellnet, jointly owned by BT and Securicor, reported a 19 per cent rise in turnover, to £666 million in the six months to September 30. However. operating profits fell by £8 million, to £98 million, because of the scale of development.

Merger of paper duo to cost jobs

By CARL MORTISHED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

THOUSANDS of jobs are under threat as two heavyweights in the global paper industry announced plans to combine their businesses in an effort to halt the slide in prices.

International Paper, the largest US player, announced a \$6.6 billion (£3.97 billion) merger with rival Union Camp. Only hours earlier, Smurfit Stone Container Corporation revealed plans to shut down almost a fifth of its mills with the loss of 3,600 jobs.

Smurfit Stone is the creation of last year's takeover of Stone Container by the US arm of Jefferson Smurfit, the trish packaging group. The quoted US company will take a charge of up to \$350 million in the fourth quarter.

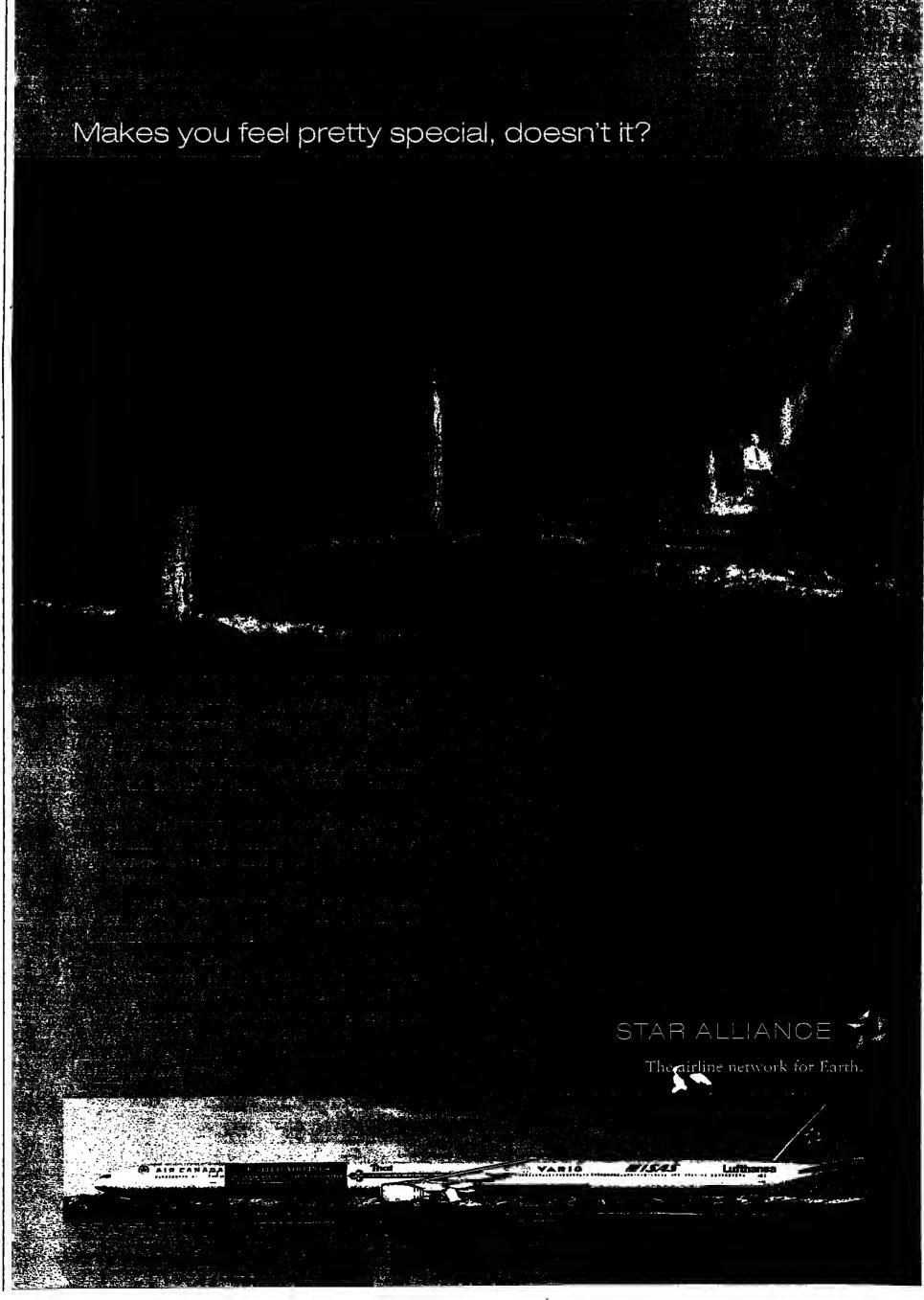
The deals are likely to prompt further consolidation as paper firms seek to position themselves in dreadful markets. International Paper yesterday said the merger with Union Camp would result in \$300 million in cost savings.

Tomb Raider film to benefit Eidos

EIDOS, the computer games company, yesterday said it expected to receive at least \$30 (million) of free publicity from the film adaptation of its Tomb Raider title. which features the racy animated heroine Lara Croft

(Chris Ayres writes). The film is expected to be released late next year. However. Charles Cornwall, chief executive, would not disclose what percentage of box office and merchandising revenues Eidos would receive. Eidos reported a slightly

increased pre-tax loss for the six months to September 30 of £18.9 million, including unexpected marketing costs of £1.9 million. Sales rose 118 per cent from £22 million to £47.6 million, while losses per share deepened from 70.8p to 80.6p.







Profit takers move in as City pauses for breath

coming in for a healthy bout of profit taking. It was inevitable after the gains of the past week that have seen the index soar by 7 per cent, or 384 points, on the back of a record breaking run on Wall Street, revived corporate activity and the prospect of another cut in interest rates next month.

However, attempts by the market to extend recent gains yesterday in the wake of strong performances over-night in the Far East and a leap of 200 points by the Dow Jones industrial average proved short lived.

By the close, the FTSE 100 index was nursing a fall of 50.) at 5,798.3, partly reflecting opening losses on Wall Street. Total turnover reached more than one billion shares.

Richard Bernstein at Schroders says the equity market is looking expensive and that forecast earnings growth of 13 per cent in 1999 is too high. He thinks earnings could even decline by I per cent next year which would spell bad news

for dividend payments. British Telecom feli 32p to 86212p with the European Commission threatening to take a close look at the group's proposed tie-up with AT&T.

BAT Industries celebrated

the signing of the \$206 billion Medicaid settlement with a rise of 13p to 545p. Brokers say it will push up the price of cigarettes by 45 cents a packet. Gallaher, which is unaffected by the litigation in the US, also rose 15p to 435p, while Imperial Tobacco, with final results due out next week, slipped lp

to 650p. Siebe retreated 8p to 235p as brokers reflected upon the proposed merger with BTR, down 4p to 129p. JP Morgan. the US investment bank, has cut its rating for Siebe from buy" to "market performer". Brokers say there may be plenty of scope for cost-cutting, but the longer-term benefits are

Elsewhere in the engineering sector, Weir Group surged 20%p to 218%p on takeover talk. The group gave a presentation to brokers on Monday and clearly made a fa-

vourable impression.

Profit taking left Guardian Royal Exchange 61/2p easier at 344p. Earlier this week, the insurer confirmed recent takeover speculation by putting the for sale" sign up on the busi-

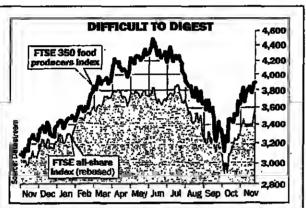


Harry Coe, left, managing director, David Crossland, centre, chairman, and Tim Byrne, right, finance director of Airtours

ness. Norwich Union, a potential suitor, fell 17p to 443p. Oil shares came under the hammer as the oil price continued to fall on world markets. Supply is outstripping demand and with oil reserves continuing to rise, the market is taking a gloomy view of prospects Losses were recorded in British Borneo, 12p lower to 178%p, Enterprise Oil, down

lp to 359p, Hardy Oil & Gas. Sup off at 153mp, and Ranger Oil, down 121/20 to 350p.

Paper producers received a boost from the news that International Paper has bought Union Camp in the US for \$6 billion. Dealers says it helps to crystalise the value of British papermakers and is certain to fuel speculation that other bids materialise. may



THOSE investors exposed to the food manufacturers could be left nursing a severe bout of indigestion soon. That is the gloomy forecast from Teather & Greenwood, the broker, in

its latest review of the sector. It says the slowdown in consumer spending will raise the prospect of increased competition among the food retailers. Shoppers may also begin to trade down while the retailers, in on their suppliers.

The rise in sterling dur-

ing the past two years has benefited gross margins for the manufacturers, but a downturn could lead to a rise in costs.

T&G advises clients to focus on those companies operating in the highest growth sectors and those with European exposure.

Top of its shopping list are Unilever, down 5p to 645p, and Perkins Foods, unchanged at 136½p. Other growth performers include Geest, steady at 413%p, and Hazlewood Foods, Ip firm-

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Airtours, down 25p to 410p. Brokers expressed concerns about the group's Scandinavian operation and signs of a do-mestic slowdown.

Debenhams sported a rise 9p to 394½p after BT Alex Brown, the broker, moved to upgrade its recommendation for the shares from "market performer" to "buy". It says Debenhams has many of the characteristics that earned Marks & Spencer, down 6p to 48p, its traditional premium.

ws of a bid approach lifted Parkland Group 9p to 31%p. Whitlock Management is offering 35p a share valuing the deal at £5.36 million.

A profits warning left Sterling Industries nursing a fall of 29p to 225p. Galen Holdings held steady at 416p despite news of some sizeable share disposals by two directors. John King, managing di-rector has sold 1.35 million shares at 400p reducing his holding to 24.1 million, or 19.9 per cent. Robert Elliott, finance director, has sold 750,000 at 400p and now holds 7.22 mil-

lion shares, or 6 per cent. Parity continued to benefit from strong interim results with the price adding 81/2p to 46tp, Granville Equity Research says the shares are an excellent bet on their current rating despite any worries about the recession.

GILT-EDGED: It was a day of further losses for the bond market with the worst of the falls recorded among longer-dated issues. Trading volumes, however, remained light ahead of today's first auction of index-linked stock. The Bank of England is offering £450 million of Treasury Index-Linked 21/2 per cent 2013.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt fell 15p to £115.95 as only 25,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 retreated 56p to £144.04, while at the sborter end. Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was 9p easier at £106.22. □ NEW YORK: Blue chips slipped back as investors paused for breath after scaling

yesterday's record high. At

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In need of spice

Southgate's botched succession plans last year and his ill-advised acceptance of the Royal Opera House chairmanship, have not helped. Media coverage can affect a share price as much as anything else, and the almighty pick-le Sir Colin has so successfully landed himself in at the ROH has now become a running metaphor for his troubled reign at EMI.

All this comes at a time when EMI faces some of the toughest market conditions seen for years. With the Far East, Europe and South America all in turmoil, the company is enormously dependent on North America. If the US economy hits the rocks, it would be serious indeed.

EMI's music publishing business is seeing its precious margins squeezed, thanks to in-

ALTHOUGH many of EMI's problems have not been created by management. Sir Colin roll of honour is also thin, especially now its biggest band, the Spice Girls, has seen one member leave to become a UN ambassador and two of the remaining four members fall pregnant. From the point of view of EMI profits Spicemania looks to have had its day. EMI badly needs to resolve the management issues. Without clarity of purpose at the

top what chance is there that the business can rediscover the touch of magic required to find more Spice Girl-like successes? The persistent hope is that EMI will find a

buyer to put shareholders out of their misery. Anticipation of a takeover remains the only justification for holding on to EMI shares, but it would be understandable if investors were

weary of waiong. On fundamentals, however, EMI is a sell.

Severn Trent

IN COMMON with all water companies Severn Trent has much to lose from the price review recently put in place by the regulator, Ofwat, Average household bills could be cut by 15 to 20 per cent under current proposals. In the process water company revenues could be knocked for six.

Understandably, and in similar fashlon to its peers. Severn has been trumpeting the potential in non-regulated businesses. The aim is to persuade investors that it is not a one-trick pony expected to go

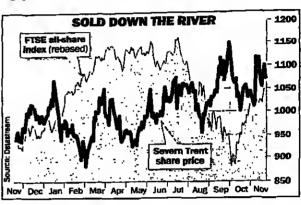
lame at any minute.
Severn has benefited in the past from being relatively conservative outside its core water business. Biffa, the UK-based waste management group, is a solid sideline with decent growth prospects. There is an interesting water privatisation opportu-

dermines confidence in the nity in Berlin in the offing. Severn is also justifiably hopeful about the US, where it is picking up water indus-

try service contracts. But like so many utilities. its diversification programme on the Ofwat pricing review has not been trouble free. The shareholders may have to get termination of a contract to used to surprises. Dividend

future for that business. The interim result was well

below expectations, largely because of higher interest costs. With so much hanging supply Scottish Hydro-Electric with a computer bill-ing system cost it dear, and un-



Airtours

THE shock that Airtours should have the temerity to raise money for unspecified acquisitions was enough to dent what was turning out to be a decent autumn recovery in the company's share price. But there is little reason why the shares should not shortly become airborne again.

The company reported strong profit growth, with the very poor performance of the Scandinavian business providing the only blot on the landscape. That debacle is behind it, with all the signs showing that the oversupply of holidays which caused the problems is now back in bal-

ance with demand. Shareholders can also be comforted by current trad-ing, despite fears that spending could be hit by wider eco-nomic woes. The worst recent year for the UK travel industry was not in the midst of the last recession, but 1995. Just as with Scandinavia last

year, supply was allowed by the industry to outstrip demand. The current increase in sales of holidays in the UK suggests that while people worry about their jobs and put off spending money in shops, they continue to cling to their holidays.

The £250 million being raised by the Airtours bond issue will put it in a strong position to make the muckest moves on acquisitions when the opportunities arise.

There is plenty of growth left in the market, in the company and in the share price.

Jarvis Hotels

MUCH as Jarvis Hotels may try to convince to the contrary, it is a middle-market operator. As such it will continue to struggle against negative investor sentiment, which finds its preference in higherclass London operators and Also, sentiment has never re-

ally recovered from what

looked like an opportunistic flotation price in 1996.

Jarvis's financial performance suggests the judgment is harsh. In the past half year the profits and sales figures continued to track upwards and the key ratios on occupan-, room rate and room yield all moved in the right direction. Management has a convincing story to tell about how it is maximising opportunities presented by business and holiday traffic. It is also right to stress that the hotel business is much stronger

than in the dog days of 1992. At 120p the shares trade on lust eight times forecast fullyear earnings per share, half the average for the sector. Sentiment remains hard to shift but Jarvis's rating may improve if it can expand with

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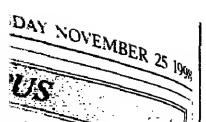
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o, the Dow Jones industrial average is back at a record high, closing at 9,374,27 on what is being dubbed Manic Monday. In one of the most speciacular rallies in Wall Street history, the Dow has jumped 26 per cent since its low of 7,400 in the darkly ominous days of late August after Russia's default and devaluation. Abby Joseph Cohen, Goldman Sachs's super buil, so roundly vilified over the past few months, has been vindicated.

inevitably, there are sceptics who argue that earnings multiples are staggeringly high on any hislorical perspective and that corpo-rate America simply will not be able to justily them as the world economy slows down, as virtually everybody expects, next year. This is most true of manufacturers in industries where there is drama@c global overcapacity in a world of shrinking demand for such things as steel, microchips and cars. In support of their concerns came yes-terday's news of a sharp fall in US

US nerve returns with a vengeance corporate profits in the third quarter to stand 6.2 per cent lower than

on-year decline since 1989. The sceptics' instinct is, quite simply, that it is not rational - in fact it is irrational exuberance for stocks to jump to record highs when the world economy has undergone a huge and unexpected shock and when large parts of the world remain in deep recession and there remain risks of aftershocks. Could economic Armaged don so easily have been headed off by the mere fact of a 75 basis points cut in American interest rates?

Probably not, and the great danger of the current moment is that the Fed looks at Wall Street and stops cutting. It is the Fed's willingness to act decisively in easing monetary policy that has led to

such a swift restoration in confi-dence and it needs to keep expectations of lower interest rates alive. a year ago. This is the largest year-The overwhelmingly redeeming feature of the current situation is that, if good sense prevails, the Fed has absolute freedom to go on easing because there is no inflation about. And, if that did not prove enough, the Administration, in the extraordinarily unusual position

of running a budget surplus, is free to loosen fiscal policy. With both the tools of demand management available, there is no possible excuse for a recession. As Rudi Dornbusch of MIT said in July: "For policymakers living without inflation and with budget surpluses, a recession is just an unforgivable mistake."

As long as the big policy picture is right, the rest is up to companies



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and consumers. The Goldilocks economy was based on a virtuous circle in which stock market appreciation encouraged corporate America to invest furiously. Productivity gains fuelled earnings. Earnings pushed the stock market and so on. The question of whether the stock market can continue rising will depend heavily on the conuation of this behaviour.

Yesterday's US GDP figures. which showed growth revised up to 3.9 per cent in the third quarter from 3.3 per cent estimated previously, contained one worrying aspect. Business investment in new equipment fell 1.1 per cent, this measure's first decline in nearly seven years. However, the third quarter saw a catastrophic decline both in stock values and confidence and, with the market back to its previous peak, investment could easily turn again. This week's wave of mega-mergers is

ica on the defensive. This leaves the question of the American consumer. Consumers have been saving virtually nothing, and spending has shown no sign of slowing. Yesterday's fig-ures showed spending increasing

at Chase Manhattan Bank.

ed companies find it difficult to raise money, too. Small companies are largely ignored by the large fund management in-

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at an annual rate of 4.1 per cent in the third quarter. Consumer spending has been

driven by rising stock prices. Household net worth has jumped by 35 per cent since 1994. There is also evidence, as noted by Matthew Wickens, of ABN Amro, that US consumers are financing current spending by taking profits on their equity gains rather than spending their accumulated capital. Mr Wickens argues that, if there were another shock to confidence, some of the spending would cease but saving would not have to rise sharply because accumulated household capi-

tal has not been touched. Now that the equity market has come back from the dead, there is every prospect that consumers will go on spending on the back of their stock market winnings.

All this suggests that, with a fair wind, there is no reason for a collapse in the Dow and some good arguments for a continuing appreciation. But do these arguments apply equally to the FTSE?

Certainly, as in America, both monetary and fiscal tools are available. However, corporate behav-iour looks much more defensive and short-termist. A survey on Monday by Experian showed that UK profit margins in the second quarter had risen to their highest level since 1989 as companies cut investment plans and jobs. In other words. British companies have been doing everything to maintain profit margins in the short term but making them far more difficult to come by in the long term. This is far from responding to the Chancellor's productivity drive and risks damaging consumer confidence unnecessarily. Britain clear-ly doesn't share America's virtuous stocks and investment cycle and it is therefore far harder to make a positive case for the FTSE.

Squaring up

Rules have changed for the world's stock market investors

Jason Nissé and Robert Cole

on the reasons

behind the rising volatility

in recent years

vestor to do? One day the market falls 150 points. the next it is up 200. London, New York, Tokyo, Paris, Frankfurt; it does not matter on which market you trade. volatility has increased significantly in the past three years, and this year in particular.

Take the supposed great bear market of the middle of this year. According to Ned Davis Research, the Wall Street analyst, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 19.3 per cent between July 17 and August 31, when the market started rising again, wiping out all the mid-year losses. This bear market - prompted by worries about Asian economic flu - lasted just 45 days; that is ten days less than the bear market that followed the October crash in 1987 (which many feel was no more than a market correction anyway) and one ninth of the average length of bear markets this cen-

But why is the market so volatile? According to Phillip Collins, UK market strategist at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. volatility often means bad news. "Usually we see this sort of pattern of volatility at the end of an equity cycle," he says. "It could be the harbinger of a fairly major market re-

However, Mr Collins points out that the merchants of doom and gloom - notably Phillips & Drew Fund Management - have been largely proven wrong by the ability of the markets to recover their losses rapidly over the past few months. And the sudden upturn in corporate activity on both sides of the Atlantic with Deutsche Bank buying Bankers Trust, Siebe buying BTR. Tyen International buying AMP and Netscape linking with AOL - shows that the cor-

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WALL STREET AND LONDON: BECOMING MORE VOLATILE

porate world thinks economic conditions are more stable.

The fact is that many economic experts believe that the rules of market have changed. A couple of years ago the perception was that inflation had been stain and the West was entering an era of gradual but low growth, with many firms relying on the Far East as the engine for an acceleration in income. But the economic woes of Asia have punctured that balloon and now inves-

tors are struggling to adjust. "Many people had factored in Asia with a poor level of information," says Mr Collins. Worried by unpredictability, many investors turned to cash. But the market rises in the first half of this year and then since September have caught many out. Thomas Galvin, chief investment officer of Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette, says that many fund managers are under pressure to "be in stocks, not cash", adding: "You've got a number of clients saying 'I missed a big

rally, I was in cash'."
This pressure showed when Gartmore, the NatWest investment arm which had been bearish for nearly a year. broke and started reinvesting in the summer, just as the market turned against equities.

Marshall Acuff, chief equity strategist at Salomon Smith Barney, argues that as investors are uncertain about the long-term direction of markets, they overreact to shortterm factors. The volatility is often caused by a perceptual shift, rather than a fundamen-tal problem. There are often perceptions of change even though something hasn't real-

by changed.
"Often, there are concerns about the future direction of interest rates, earnings growth and problems with credit such as the Russian default and the silver bubble. But in the US the favourable monetary envi-

ronment, which involves interest rates, liquidity and growth in money supply, has remained constant. It is the glue that holds the market together and keeps it coming back despite intervals of worry."

According to many observers, the biggest single motivat-ing force behind the pricing of shares is the amount of cash coming into the market. The weight of money — largely as a result of people investing more in their pension funds as they realise the State will not provide for them in their old age - has driven share prices higher and a mass retrenchment in terms of liquidity is able to undermine prices alarmingly and quickly.

But at the same time, the appetite for risk has declined in many quarters. One result has been that those larger piles of cash have gravitated towards the shares of bigger compa-nies DKB reckons that 98 per cent of money allocated to the London market by the large investment firms in invested in FTSE 100 stocks.

The growth of index tracking has reinforced the trend because, as an investment management strategy, index tracking is separated from the need to analyse a company's funda-mental health. Size is increasingly seen as the only impor-tant attribute, and by following the constituent shares making up leading indices those risk-averse, size-hungry investsurance. In the long term this will lead to much less volatility, though Mr Collins argues that the move towards index tracking has contributed to some of the price fluctuations during this adjustment period.

One of the reasons why the big funds are rushing to index tracking is that it is harder to find a way of beating the market. Stock markets have taken to more tightly regulating the release of information which, while undoubtedly right in terms of natural justice, has also increased the propensity to jerky movements in share

prices. In the past a piece of bad or good news could seep into the collective market consciousness over a period of time and lead to a gradual adjustment in share prices. However, the shift towards tighter control of data has lead to more surpris-

to revival of Roundhouse food of volatility. Today, everyvery day, for more thing happens at a faster rate than it did ten years ago," says James B. Lee, a vice-chairman

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Norman passed the
Roundhouse in Chalk Farm on the way from his Hamp-The volatility also leads instead home to his office in vestors to try to find safe ha-Central London. In that time Norman's fortunes and the vens. The safe havens often tend to be either large compa-Roundhouse's went in virtualnies or index funds. At the smaller end of the scale, quotly opposite directions. Norman left the City to set

up Bluebird Toys and turn it into a £100 million company. while the Roundhouse declined from being one of the most famous arts and music centres of the 1960s to a crumbling, white elephant that nobody knew what to do with. When he left Bluebird in

1996 Norman decided to put £6 million into revitalising the Roundhouse. He bought it for close to £3 million and yesterday unveiled his plans to turn it into a giant arts, media and music centre used for everything from educating dis advantaged children to corporate entertainment and product launches.

It is an ambitious project. The Roundhouse was originally built as a railway repair yard and then served as a gin warehouse. The roof has to be replaced to stop the noise from concerts disturbing the neighbours. While the builders are doing this, they will put in a new area called The Lid - a flexible venue holding up to 400 people and able to stage anything from jazz concerts to . The ground "In due course the market floor will remain as a theatre, holding up to 1,300 people, while the basement will be a community arts centre, with a theatre, recording studios. television and radio broadcast

facilities and an area for fashion design and manufacture. The scheme will cost more than £30 million and Norman is looking for about £7.5 mil-

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lion of business sponsorship, £4.5 million of National Lottery money and £12.5 million from Gerry Robinson's Arts Council. Norman has only just started chasing businesses for the cash, but he expects the Arts Council and National Heritage Lottery Fund to rule in the spring.

There have been suggestions that Railtrack, having a historic relationship with the Roundhouse and having generated quite a bit of ill will in the area through its engineering works, might become a sponsor, though no approach has yet been made.

If Norman does not secure the money, he is pretty sanguine. "We can sell it off as a nightclub," he said. "We can give them the architect's plans of how to soundproof the building and I'm sure it is worth more than it cost us."

orman's route from businessman to arts benefactor follows an increasingly well-trodden path, But unlike Granada's Robinson or Sir Colin Southgate — who has been pilloried for trying to rescue the Royal Opera House and save EMI at the same time - this is a full-time task for Norman. "I was supposed to retire, but I don't believe in the concept."

For Norman, aged 64, this is business. However, instead generating profits and share price performance, this is about helping children with poor education and poor opportunities in life to make something of themselves. "This Government is always going on about tackling social exclusion," said Norman. "Well, we're doing something here."

JASON NISSÉ

THE SEATIMES

Samba spin

GORDON Brown should stop worrying that Britain's absence from the first stage of monetary union is going to mark the end of Britain's economic influence abroad.

If the performance of Pedro Malan, the Brazilian Finance Minister, in London yesterday is anything to go by, Mr Brown's peculiar turn of phrase is rapidly becoming the preferred common currency of the world's economic policymakers.

Senhor Malan's wonderfully fluent English was pep-pered with such Brownian terms as "pursuing a course of



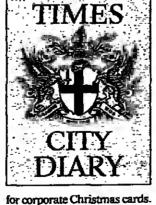
Senhor Malan: a Latin twist to Brown's policies

"prudent and cautious" approach to public finances. Despite the conservative rhetoric, the Minister also appears to have been taking lessons from the Treasury on economic forecasting, claiming that Brazil-ian growth might better his own forecast of a 1 per cent contraction, although most independent economists are predicting the economy will shrink by as much as 3 per cent next year. Not surprisingly, Senhor

Malan claims to have an excellent "personal relationship" with his British counterpart.

IN search of inspiration for some original Christmas gifts. I flick through back copies of Design in View, the Patent Office journal in which newly reg-istered designs are published. One that catches my eye is a trouser brace by Richard Kew & Sons that incorporates a telephone hoister — sure to become a big hit among the more gung-ho City traders.

Card games IT'S that ome of year again. when creative types start dreaming up off-the-wall ideas



(Reindeer and robins are out). The Partners, the irritatingly named company that created the b2 logo for Barclays, has sent me details of some of its "entertaining and innovative" ideas. One, for Lewis Silkin, the media law firm, is a card attached to a branded yo-yo with the catchline Yo-ho-ho. All terribly dever, but I prefer Lewis Silkin's card last year that took the form of a

Bells. They weren't too bad, actually," says one recipient. Solvent sigh AS the slowing economy starts

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cy Conference at The Brewery. Speaker Jeremy Goldring, partner at Dibb Lupton Alsop, the City solicitors, conceded that a decline in growth was likely to be a big blow to the construction and manufacturing sectors, but he cautioned the audience against getting too excited. "A recession in the sense of a substantial number of corporate failures, is not just around the corner," he cau-His clear message was that,

at vesterday's annual Insolven-

itself with turnround work that, of course, is far less lucrative than a good old-fashioned receivership. I'm told there was an almost audible sigh of disappointment from the audi-WARBURG Dillon Read is preening itself after the latest Extel Smaller Companies Sec-tor Survey, in which invest-

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evaluate brokers on the quality of the services they provide. The firm picked up a total of four awards, including one for Marcus Chorley who was named best brokers salesperson. Mr Chorley was always guaranteed at least one vote

— his wife Lesley is a smaller
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MD's move

GRESHAM Trust, the venture capitalist, has had a management shake-up. Trevor Jones, managing director for seven years, was told yesterday that he is to replaced by Paul Marson-Smith, who joined last year from 3i.

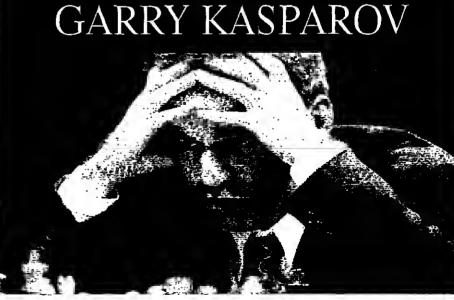
Paul Manduca, Gresham's chairman, says: "These things are never easy. Trevor made a huge contribution but it's time for a change as the business moves forward."

He said the firm was looking to build on its performance over the past six months, during which it has signed six deals worth more than £100

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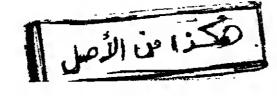
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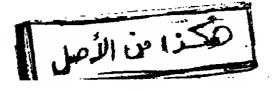
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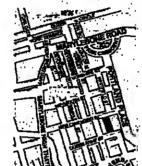
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he roofscapes of Britain could soon turn green. The last bit of turi has just been planted on a roof that combines glass and alpine grass at the Building Research Establishment in Garston, Watford. Next month Hilary Armstrong, the Housing Minister, will open the £250,000 house — which is to feature in a BBC series — and the public will be able to visit early next year. Its designers are confident that it will become the roof of the

The innovative style, a radical departure from slate and tile, is the culmination of a two-year project. Known as the "Integer" (for "intelligent and green) Millennium House, the building combines low-tech envi-

ronmentally friendly design and advanced information technology.

grass hut: The Watford project will have wide influ-ence: similar designs it is well will be on show at the Greenwich Millennium designed, Village, and there are plans for such developments for about 100 with all homes in housing association property in West Bromwich, Harlow, mod cons' Maidenhead and Wilt-

shire. It is hoped that construction on 15 houses at each site will start next spring at a cost of about El million. .

The project leader, Nick Thompson, of the architects Cole Thompson Associates, says: "Although there is only a demonstration house at present, we will be building production houses next year. They are superior in safety, security and comtort to the conventional represent better value."

Despite being slightly more expensive than the more traditional options. Mr Thompson is confident that the energy saved in heating means that the roof would more than pay for itself over a few years. He estimates that the extra features in the house add around 15 per cent

extra to costs. The materials used within the project have been modified to make them suitable for domestic use. The

glass covering one side of the building is "impact resistant" and does not shatter. It has been developed by Queensbury International, which has worked with Cole Thompson on the Queen Elizabeth Glasshouse at Windsor Great Park. Doors on to the garden help to regulate the temperature, while louvres at the top provide more ventilation. There are automated shades for summer,

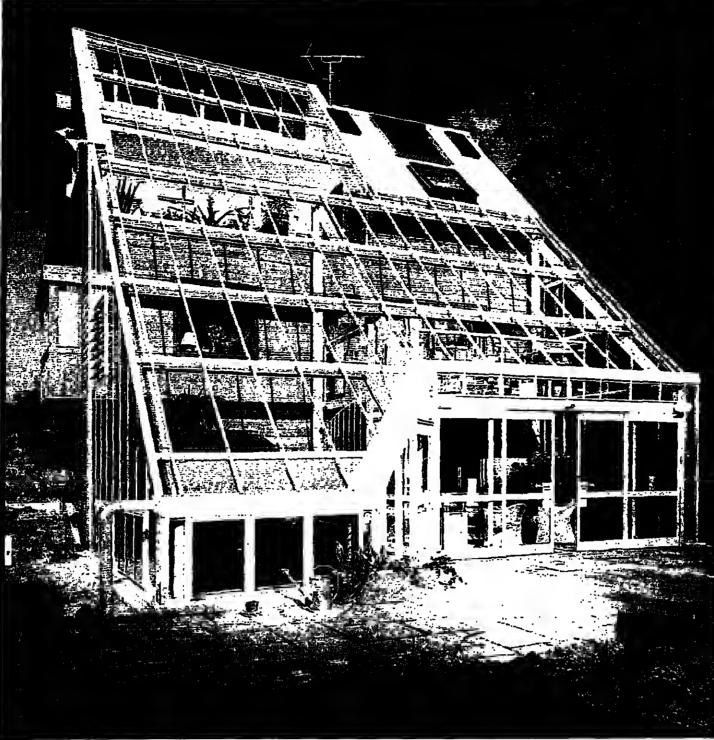
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made up of a special grass, sedum, chosen for its hardiness and because of the low level of maintenance that it requires. The sedum is pregrown and rolled on top of a mineral wool layer that prevents the roof draining too quickly. A biodegradable compound stops roots growing down and damaging lower layers. The roof vegetation helps to lower carbon dioxide levels, which dovetails.

with the Government's efforts to make the building trade reduce consumption of the gas-The walls of the building are clad

in western red cedar, which requires no staining or sealing. Parts-of the house were assembled offsite. Bathrooms with water-saving, tapless baths were prefabricated and craned in. The heating is from renewable sources, notably a geothermal probe buried next to the house that draws on the temperature of the earth and converts it with a heat pump to power trenchheaters in the floors. The house also boasts an "intelligent key system" that admits visitors at preprogrammed times.

The Integer project is one of many environmentally friendly schemes designed in part to celebrate the millennium. Perhaps the biggest will be the Millennium Village in Greenwich. The aim is to re- . Hilton



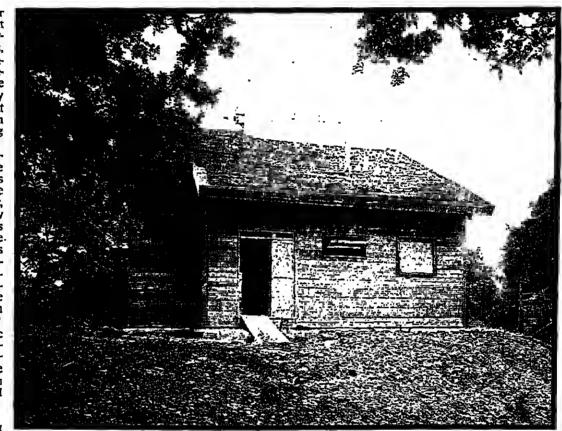
The glass roof covering one side of the Integer Millennium House is shatter-proof and incorporates a system to collect rainwater

duce energy consumption by 80 per cent, domestic waste by 50 per cent and car use by 30 per cent. The targets rely on villagers driving less, becoming familiar with their waste-recycling facilities and being care-ful with the central heating. The Government's regeneration agency English Partnerships is looking at its next generation of millennium villages with the aim of producing blueprint for regeneration, too.

And in a private project at Hockerton, near Newark, the first of five families have moved into homes roofed with 500 tons of earth. The families generate their own power. collect and recycle water and grow their own food. Nick White and his three children live in one of the. houses. "The joy of these roofs is that our homes are heated at 20 degrees but we are not using any centastic. And the roofs mean that we blend in - the other day a man from Parcel Force couldn't find us."

He says there is nothing eccentric about his home: "We are middleclass professionals who want a lifestyle that is less damaging to the planet. These are not huts with grass roofs, but carefully designed homes with all the mod cons."

Additional reporting by Anna



The other half of the roof is made of sedum, a grass chosen for its hardiness and low maintenance

THE Hackwood Park Estate near Basingstoke in Hampshire sold this month for an estimated E7 million to the developers British Land. The house and its exceptional Spring Wood was previously owned by the late Lord Camrose, whose family owned The Daily Telegraph. British Land is thought to wish to develop the estate with its links to the M3 and Basingstoke. Private buyers were dissuaded by the road blight, say the agents, Knight Frank.

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☐ THERE are 14,000 acres on the Welsh Pencelli Estate in the Brecon Beacons for sale. The land comes with the manorial title of "Lord of the Manor of Welsh Pencelli", and also sporting and mineral rights. The area has sites of historic importance dating from medieval and Roman times. The estate is between Merthyr Tydfil and Brecon and is for sale through Knight Frank's Hereford office.

☐ THE house of the painter, illustrator, writer and war artist Paul Nash is for sale. Nash moved to Oxford in 1939 where he created a bureau for artists to help them to paint and support themselves in other jobs. He worked as an artist for the Air Ministry and Ministry of Information. Some of his paintings hang in the Tate Gallery and the Imperial War Museum. 106 Banbury Road, Oxford, has ten bedrooms and is being sold by Carter Jonas's Oxford office for £1,100,000.

DINISH ISLAND in the Kenmare Estuary in Co Kerry is for sale. The 28-acre island has an eight-bedroom main house with guest annexe, boathouse, three piers, a five-bedroom cottage and several outbuildings. The island has mains water, electricity, telephone and oil-fired central heating and is for sale through Knight Frank for £1,320,000.

☐ THE former home of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein is for sale. Isington Mill, in Alton, Hampshire, is a Grade II converted mill oo the River Wey. After the Second World War, the Field Marshal returned homeless and bought the old water mill, granary and oast houses in Isington, which he later converted. With the shortage of building materials after the war, cootributions for the house came from all over the Commoowealth. Many of the doors an oak. The house was handed down to his son, the present Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. who sold it to the vendors in 1989. The house is for sale through Knight Frank's Guildford office for £900.000.

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It pays to give nanny home help

Staff housing can lift prices, says Annabel Venning

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Top nannies now demand top accommodation, as estate agents and developers have discovered. Houses with the right nanny flat can command

5 to 10 per cent premiums. Good domestic staff are in high demand, says Serena le Maistre. of her eponymous agency. She places about 100 nannies a year, the majority of them in live-in positions. The accommodation, with few exceptions, is usually of a high standard and is often separate from the main house, which most riannies prefer.

"The upstairs-downstairs mentality is becoming rare," says Ms le Maistre. "Employers recognise the value of good domestic staff and reward them with good working and living conditions".

Housebuilders in affluent commuter areas are latching on to the boom in domestic service. The Midland builders, CALA Homes, recently built two houses near Sutton Coldfield, on sale for £785,000 each, with self-contained flats designed for domestic staff above detached garages, consisting of a bedroom, bath-



Paying her way: Kelly Fisk, a nanny in her flat at her employer's home in West London

ing that annexes that can be

used for nanny, granny or a

room and silling room-cumkitchen. Sue Parry, sales and marketing director for CALA Homes, explains the thinking behind these developments. With two-income families and working hours on the rise. Britons are increasingly turning to outside help to run their households. The amount spent on domestic help has tripled in the past decade to £4.3 billion a year. "Houses with separate staff accommodation will be a big thing," Ms Parry predicts. Estate agents are also find-

carer are popular. "They can be a big selling point," says Rory Ogilvy, of FPD Savills, which is selling a property in Hampstead with its own staff flai under the main house. And, as Jonathan Wates, of Wales Built Homes, emphasis-

es: "You needn't be a millionaire to be thinking about having staff accommodation within your property."

Wates is now building houses in Surrey which sell at

around £700,000 and incorporate an annexe with a separate entrance, a big attraction for families with nannies.

There are privacy issues: one thing that puts people off having a nanny is that they can't walk around naked in their own house. Also, the nanny doesn't necessarily want to wake the huusehold up when she comes back at night, so a separate entrance is ideal."

As one new parent explains. having nanny accommodation saves money in the long run.

Obtain quotes before you do anything. Costs can escalate. particularly if you have to put in insulation, or if you are converting an historic building: be aware that your planning permission will probably be contingent on not selling the new development as a separate property. Try to use local people who will know the coun-

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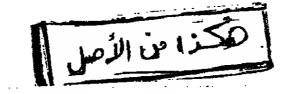
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JEREMY VINCENT, a chartered surveyor. lives in Hampshire with his wife and three children aged seven, five and two. The couple converted the cattle shed next to their house into a cottage, where their au pair lives rent-free, with her boyfriend, who works locally.

Mr Vincent says: "We did most of the work ourselves, with a local builder. It cost us about £15,000, half the price quoted by

contractors, and it has added value to the house. The living space lotals 500sq ft. including two bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen, sitting room and a garden. It is separate from the main house: we made sure all the windows faced the other way so the au pair and her friend don't look over our courtyard. The couple may be nice, but I don't necessarily want them around every



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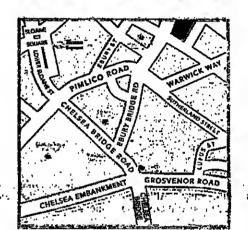
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How Tiger Bay turned respectable

leven years ago, the only attraction in Cardiff Bay was the rundown red-light area. But a multimillionpound regeneration project

has been trying to seduce a dif-ferent kind of punter. Offices, shops and 6,000 new homes are rising from the once-derelict landscape, and even the streets are growing eight miles, in total, around the huge freshwater lake created by a new bay barrage.

"We were trying to get away from the London Docklands idea of attracting only yup-pies," says Pat Lewis, the housing strategy manager for the Cardiff Bay Development Cor-poration (CBDC). "We wanted different kinds of people: whatever your income, whatever your lifestyle, there is some-

thing for you."

The CBDC is responsible for building the barrage across the mouth of the bay to transform the 1,100-hectare site. Part of the old docks remains, logether with historic monuments such as the 19thcentury Pierhead Building. But after a vast clean-up operation, ten housing developers and various businesses are moving in.

In September the city coun-cil gave the go-ahead for a sports village designed to accommodate ice hockey, among other pursuits. Whether this proceeds will depend on the success of a £9 million Sportlot bid, which is awaiting a recommendation. An American bank has also announced that it is moving in and the building housing the Welsh National Assembly will be completed in the inner bay next year.

The international rugby stadium will be between the bay development and the city centre; there is already a shopplex complete with nightclub

Of the 6,000 new homes planned, some 2,500 have been built at various points around the bay. A quarter of these are "social housing" for those on council waiting lists. The aim, according to Frank Leavis, CBDC's public affairs manager, is to integrate pri-vate with council housing in

There will be no uptown and downtown, just one big European capital'

continental-style flats. "We want people to live and work here, rather than commuting for an hour every day from the

suburbs," he says.

Mr Leavis is adamant that the attractions of the bay will not render the city centre lifeless, "We want to merge Cardiff Bay with the city centre, making it seamless," he says, There will be no uptown and downtown, just one big European capital with Bute Avenue and Square at its core."

The CBDC is keen to create a sense of community among new residents, from the owner of a £49,000 one-bedroom flat to the occupant of a £300,000 luxury penthouse. Already there is a newsletter. Making Waves, in which residents can make their views known. St David, a housebuilding

firm belonging to the Berkeley Group, is building more than 200 homes in the inner bay, at Adventurers Quay. Its site spans a marina which will be a centre for watersports, although swimmers will have to wait 20 years before the water is clean enough for them to

Many houses on the bay have panoramic views, and from the penthouse flats it is even possible to catch a glimpse of the Bristol coast. The inner harbour has the potential to become one of the most sought-after residential locations in Britain," says Susan Jaquest, sales and marketing director for St David. Buyers who moved into the first one and two-bedroom flats completed by the company in June have already seen the price of their properties rise by 10 per cent.

St David is also building a

waterfront development. The Meridien, with 21 Mediterranean-style townhouses costing from £220,000 to £300,000. The Sears block of 224 flats. half of which have already been sold, range from £82,500 for one-bedroom apartments to £315,000 for two-bedroom penthouses with balcony and terrace. They will be completed next year. Ms Jaquest ex-pects them to sell well before construction ends.

t the other end of the bay is Windsor Quay, a develop ment with mixed private and social housing developed by Westbury builders, Houses start at about £60,000 and are closer to shops, although projected transport links have not been built to any part of the development. People who were quick to

buy in the area still have to en-



Adventurers Quay with its breathtaking views spans a marina, which will be a centre for watersports, and will be home to more than 200 households

dure construction noise and unsightly rubble, and road links to the city centre have been disrupted as work pro-ceeds apace, Even so, buyers appear to see the area as a good investment. Promotional brochures optimistically call it "the new commercial heart of

In 2000 the CBDC will hand over to a new developer and the Welsh Office will no longer exist, but the bay will have been transformed. And while the CBDC does its best to attract new homeowners, arrangements are being made to rehouse one particular group of established residents. Birds living on mudflats threatened by the development are being moved to alternative nesting sites farther along the bay.

A JOLLY GOOD MOVE

FIRST-TIME buyer Graham Jolly will move into a £66.500 two-bedroom flat at Windsor Quay in November. "Cardiff Bay offers value in an exciting location with brilliant prospects," he says. Mr Jolly, an area manager for a retail company, wanted a lively base for a couple of years with good transport links. He transferred from Bournemouth in

February, and has been renting in Windsor Quay since then. Happy with the area, he decided to make a more permanent move, and has bought a new flat on the waterfront, built by Westbury builders. It is still being constructed, but he was keen to get a bargain and, living alone, be can be flexible. "I looked at Penarth and Haven near by." he says, "but a place in Cardiff Bay is a good investment. It is easy to get to - and my job involves

travelling around the whole of southeast Wales." Pat Lewis, housing strategy manager of the CBDC, describes Windsor Quay as a flagship mixture of social and private housing, and Mr Jolly thinks it works. He says:
"There is a limited community at the moment, so things like little local shops are lacking." But he is sure that the development will grow.

A VIEW FROM THE TOP

CHARLES EVESON, 50, is selling his London penthouse to settle into his £300,000 twobedroomed flat with panoramic views of Cardiff Bay.

"In London I became a convert to penthouse living - so when I came here, I was hooked. Cardiff Bay has a won-derful freshness about it. I'm confident it will be a good in-

vestment," he says.

Mr Eveson is a manager of a top motoring firm, and trans-ferred to Wales 15 months ago. He once owned an Oxfordshire country house but now loves loft living. He was looking for a penthouse for about £200,000 and was surprised by the prices for Adventurers

Quay, developed by St David. But he couldn't resist his duplex penthouse with its sea view above Penarth marina. At Christmas he will move into the 2,000sq ft flat on the sixth floor. A 35ft-long drawing room will open on to a private balcony, and a spiral staircase will lead to two large bed-rooms. It will be fitted with beechwood floors and a cusGeoff Brown

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tomised colour scheme. Mr Eveson, who is renting across the bay, regularly visits his penthouse while it is being completed, "It is breathtaking," he says, "We hear a lot about South Wales attracting new industry, but this is still a well-kept secret."

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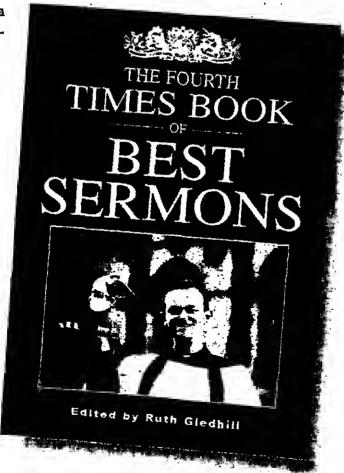
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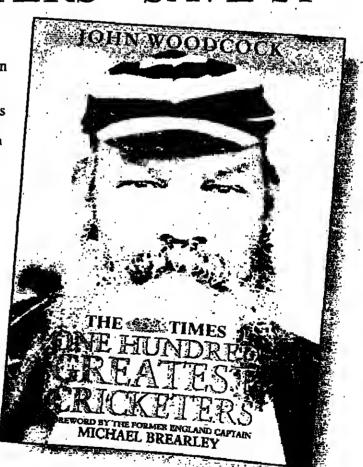
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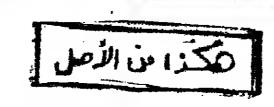


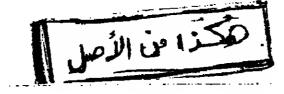
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I have seen the future and reshot it

Geoff Brown acts as his own movie director, thanks

to the hands-on wizardry of Digital Video Disc

nights approaching, the ome has come to put the feet up, dim the lights and slot something into the video machine. What shall it be? Fargo dubbed into Spanish? Dangerous Liaisons with subtitles in Arabic, Polish, Greek, Czech, Turkish, Hungarian, Icelandic - or English for the hearing-impaired? Maybe you fancy watching Contact with the soundtrack expunged of its bothersome dialogue and sound effects, leaving just the music. Or perhaps you prefer to absorb this version of Carl Sagan's novel in the company of its star. Jodie Foster, and listen to her audio commentary as she shares her thoughts about playing Ellie Arroway, the astronomer sent out into space as mankind's ambassador to extraterrestrials.

begins, with an intonation that suggests she desperately needs you to confirm her identity. Perhaps she felt uneasy at letting down her drawbridge in public, and talking intimately to the viewer. But she had better get used to it, for audio commentaries, like esoteric subtides, could become commonplace in the new-exploding universe of DVD (Digital Video Disc). The trusty video cassette, with its capacity to record as well as play back, will certainly not vanish overn next year: but it is obvious that the future of video home entertainment lies in a disc format such as DVD. launched in Britain this auturn after a rousing beginning in America.

"Hi, I'm Jodie Foster?" she

Sound and picture quality are markedly superior to the video standard. The picture resolution for DVD consists of 500 lines, as opposed to 430 for a laser disc and 250 for the VHS video cassette. The sharper picture is coupled with extra depth and spacal separation. in the sound, even when relayed through the speakers built into standard television sets. The current cost of the discs is not outrageously outra-

geous (between £16 and £24, depending on retailer and distributor), although consumers must jump the hurdle of pay-ing some £400 to buy yet another oblong black box to play the discs in the first place. You may also rent discs and equip-

At the moment, the available catalogue is dominated by recent releases, although there are already past British classics such as Brief Encounter and Powell and Pressburger's fruity A Matter of Life and Death (with an audio commen-

Now you can interact with a film as you might with a computer video game or CD⁵

tary from the cameraman, Jack Cardiff).

A DVD has the same size and sheen of a compact disc. Its information comes packed into data pits one tenth as: thick as a human hair. Like on a CD, or the cumbersome 12in laser disc (never a hit with the general public), this information can be accessed through "chapter" nur By pressing the correct handsei buttons you can jump to favourite scenes and instigate numerous special features, such as those lcelandic subtitles that give added joy to Dangerous Liaisons. By pressing the incorrect buttons, you can summon up some obstinate hieroglyphic that takes ages to re-

DVD's ease of access, shared with the CD and laser disc, raises interesting points about what academics would probably refer to as the temporal continuum of film narrative. For almost all of cinema's history, audiences have had very little choice in the way

they viewed a film. They could sit in the cinema and watch the film from beginning to end, provided they arrived on time. They could abandon the narrative and leave the cinema. But they had no other op-tions: the chunk of time the films took to unroll was unmoveable, impenetrable.

Not any more. Now you can interact with a film as you might with a computer video game or a CD. In Warner Bros' special edition of Contact I could start my viewing with chapter 18 (Ellie in a nut-shell), smartly proceed to chap-ter 3 (Listening for the little green men) and duck and weave throughout. With some ingenuity I could also remove every scene featuring the film's silliest character, the Howard Hughes-like billionaire played by John Hurt. Some DVD releases even offer the possibility of viewing specific shots from alternate camera angles. The film is no longer a sacred object, set in stone; it is a Post-Modern text, available for do-it-yourself decon-

or the viewer, this de-velopment offers new possibilities for entertainment. For film distributors, the extra frills of DVD open up new ways of making a dull film seem enticing (the special edition for Sphere, with its audio commentaries and fancy special effects documentary, is a case in

But there is a danger here. This is already the age of the fidgets, and any gains from the rapid-fire absorption of data made possible by advanced technology also results in losses. We are losing our ability to appreciate quietness and slowness. The DVD format is a perfect showcase for an action-packed film with a visual sheen and sonic bombardment. It may not work the same magic on a rapt conteniplation of a doorknob from an avant-garde film-maker such as Michael Snow, or an austere masterpiece from Robert



At DVD's British launch, Page 3 lovely Jo Guest lets the technological miracle go to her ears

Bresson, the Trappist monk of French cinema,

Still, who said progress was always beneficial? One DVD irritant is already apparent: the use of regional codes to stop one disc from one part of the world being readily played on equipment elsewhere. Discs and players on sale in America come marked with a code, marked Region One. Those on sale throughout Europe (Region Two) share a different code, and the two are incompatible. The Hollywood studios enforced this system in their battle against film pira-

terns vary throughout the world, it would otherwise be possible for a DVD of Godzilla, or whatever, to be sold abroad before the film had reaped any foreign box-office revenue. Similar fears have hampered the commercial development of DVD as a home recording medium, the one area in which the video cas-

sette remains king. There is another downside, at least for the actors, filmmakers and technicians cajoled into delivering those audio commentaries affixed to

wood stars are hardly used to talking conversationally to their public. What on earth do you say? Contact lasts 144 minutes, which is a lot of time to fill. Sometimes Foster waxes lyrical on the problems of remembering techno-babble dialogue, shooting the same scene more than 30 times, or acting with special effects due to be inserted later. At other times, she is stumped. "Another cloudy day," she says, eyeing the scene's grey skies. Thanks, Jodie, but we did not need the

miracle of DVD to spot that.

ences could come from. "Everyone knows that audiences for the subsidised arts are declin-

ing in many areas, and that they must find new audiences. But they don't use any imagi-'An unequivocal triumph. nation about working out how . a dazzling piece of total to find them." The new Saatchi team envisage that big arts companies

gling to maintain any cogent marketing policy at all, might opt for a more comprehensive outsourcing" of marketing.
Won't the Saatchis' audience-building advice simply boil down to telling ballet companies to do nothing but Swan

"No. this is absolutely not are not there to interfere in any way with a company's ar-tistic programme. We are

that artistic programme." But the Saatchi name and expertise doesn't come cheap, does it? Can desperately cash-strapped subsidised arts organisations really afford to hire this Rolls-Royce style of

"What we are saying is that we don't think people can af-ford not to hire us," says Grapounds".

Tragic malady lingers on

o well-adjusted teen-ager brought up in the 1970s would ad-taking Richard and Karen Carpenter seriously. THEATRE They were the Waltons of pop. squeaky clean hearthreakers in creased flares who sold enough slushy LPs to make themselves zillionaires. Man in the Moon, SW3

"Schmaltz is what the Middie American dollar wants," snarls their mother. Agnes Carpenter, in Murray Woodfield's new play with music. And schmaltz of sorts is what we get. Although Woodfield neatly exposes the contradic-tion between the family's wholesome public image and their unhealthy, claustrophobic private lives, what comes across is a lopsided, inadvertently funny tribute to Karen's short life. When the play opens, the anorexia that eventually killed the singer in 1983 has shrunk her weight to a dangerously low 78lb. "You have the means and ability to keep yourself alive," shouts her psychiatrist, Steven (Geoffrey Towers), skulking about his office in exasperation. "That's major incompetence,"

he adds, bafflingly.
Prompted by Steven's boring questions, Laurence Bouvard's self-loathing Karen relives the nightmare of being a Carpenter. What follows is an autopsy rather than a play. Karen and Richard, her overpossessive brother, are seen arguing over the boyfriends and

Yesterday **Once More**

girlfriends neither will allow the other to see. Karen's shyness about fronting the band gives way to Richard's petty jeatousy about being known only as the piano player. "What I want is good, old-fashioned recognition," moans Michael Bernardin's testy Ri-chard. What he really needs is

good kick up the behind. Karen's consumption of up to 90 laxaove lablets a day is measured against Richard's capacity for sleeping pills. Between this inventory of bowel explosion, sleep dysfunction and much dramatic collapsing, two female singers in black deliver a lush medley of greatest hits.

These are the highlights of the show; of what it is like being on the road with one of the most successful bands in the world, there is nothing. Just Claudia Garrison's terrifying mother, who is reason enough for any sibling to commit sui-cide. Peter Gerald adds a couple of spicy cameos but, if you want to moon over the Carpenters, stick to the vinyl.

> **JAMES** CHRISTOPHER

That's war, folks

ANGLO-IRISH scholars may scour the texts of Martin Me-Donagh's plays for glancing allusions to Synge and Friel, but sometimes it seems their time might be better spent noticing something else. If Cole-man and Valene, the warring brothers at the centre of Me-Donagh's The Lonesome West (at the Belltable Arts Ceotre in a new touring Druid and Royal Court co-production), have seem more likely to be found in the Looney Tunes canon.

Just watch as the stakes rise in the pair's campaign of vicious pranks and calculated affronts. Listen for the smashing china, wait for the anticipation, exaggeration and follow-through as each round of the brothers' battle heads towards its knock-out punch.

For this reason, the casting of Pat Shortt and Jon Kenny as the two brothers, who provide Connemara's deadly answer to Wile E. Coyole and the Roadrunner, is an inspired one. For many years Shortt and Kenny, in the guise of d'Unbelievables, have been producing a type of comedy that never seemed likely to find much appreciatioo with audiences overseas.

Their shows typically enlist-ed distinctly parochial characters, grotesque drag, masks, enormous foam hands, hairy ears and audience participa-



tion to create a surreal remix of old school Irish comedy. Straining McDonagh's text through this pair's special brand of cowshed surrealism is an enticing prospect.

The presence of Shortt: Kenny could, if that were possible, boost the madness of the piece, sending something that always hovers between melodrama and farce spinning towards pantomime. But they and director Gary Hynes seem to have opted to keep a relatively tight rein on proceedings. Rather than cause their roles to bulge in awkward ways, the two men fit into them rather comfortably.

David Wilmot, as the local priest who blames himself for not reconciling the brothers, and Pauline Hutton both deliver low-key performance that leave plenty of room for Shorti and Kenny to get on with their war. But while the pair draw sharp characters. full of churlish adolescent spite busily hardening into hatred, they never attempt to pump Coleman and Valene up to grotesque, cartoon scale.

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The Saatchi cavalry rides in to save the arts

he first thing that mar-kedng people learn to market is themselves. Tomorrow the arts world will welcome, or in some churlish quarters perhaps not welcome al all, a new marketing outfil that might need more self-marketing than most. It is called M&C Saatchi Arts, a title which at least has the merit of declaring exactly who is behind it and what area they hope to muscle into.

Muscle? The word may sound a bit pejorative, but even stronger words are being hissed by those already workthe Eighties.

"Yes. I don't expect our new alted," admits David Ker-

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ing in the fraught world of arts marketing. For one thing, the very name Saatchi sends a noi entirely pleasant frisson through arty folk - partly because of Charles Saatchi's lavish shopping expeditions into the contemporary art world. which are said to distort the market and over-excite young artists; and partly because of lingering luvvie resentment of the Saatchis' association with the Tory election campaigns of

enterprise to be universally ex-

can attract new audiences. Richard Morrison reports shaw, with a cheery je ne regrette rien guffaw. A Saatchi man for 17 years, he is the partner chiefly responsible for the new enterprise. "But I hope the name Saatchi also indicates a high level of expertise and advertising pedigree. And I hope that any sort of ideologi-cal prejudice will be countered by the presence of Judy at the head of M&C Saatchi Arts."

Which brings us to Judy Grahame, lately of the Royal Opera House, and prior to that the marketing supremo of the Proms and the London Philharmonic. Some say she is the shrewdest marketing brain in the arts field. Others phrase it differently. Either way, she's a contro-

versial figure. Her time at Covent Garden was not happy. Then again, whose is? But when she was running the marketing of the Proms and the LPO, audience figures hit all-time highs. So why is she joining the Saatchi camp? Generally in the arts now you see business people com-

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ing in, such as Gerry Robin-son at the Arts Council and Colin Southgate at the opera house, who are good in their own field but who actually have no understanding of the arts," she says. "The Saatchis have the business expertise, but getting me to front their arts division first of all makes it less intimidating to arts people, and secondly reassures them that it is run by someone who's been in the arts and

The most famous brothers in advertising think they

knows the challenges." But won't the hard-working marketing officers of arts organisations, frazzled to shreds by the strain of flogging seats in a world where leisure options seem to multiply every year, resent these high-pow ered metropolitan slickers bounding into their organisations and shaking things up?

"I hope people don't see us as a threat," Grahame says. We want to go in and motivate the inhouse people with fresh ideas and longer-term thinking, because the second biggest problem that arts or-

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Judy Grahame: from the Royal Opera to Saatchi

ganisations have - after money - is the lack of time to think where they want their organisation to be in one or two years' time."

Kershaw elaborates: "When

you are in the trenches day in and day out, as most arts companies are, it's very hard to get a fresh perspective on where you stand. Unlike many mar-keting consultants, who deal in airy-fairy things like 'shifting the image, we are offering something tangible and meas-urable. We are saying: Try this strategy and see how much your audience grows'."

Grahame believes that many arts organisations are too optimistic about thinking that everyone knows who they are and what they are offering". She claims that they don't assess carefully enough who their competitors are, and where their potential new audi-

Lake, orchestras to programme wall-to-wall easy-listening, and theatres to stage little except musicals and Alan Ayckbourn? about dumbing down," says Grahame vehemently. "We

there to achieve measurable audience increases, so that the company can continue with

marketing expertise?

hame. Besides, she adds reassuringly, "we are not going to cost hundreds of thousands of

then, that's her job.



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Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

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Lesley Garrett stars in the ENO's Barber

Erkki-Sven Tüür, Tönu Kaljuste conducts. Town Hall. Festival Box Office; (01484 425082). Tonight, 7.30pm.

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NEW RELEASES ANGEL SHARKS (15): Hectic, Bashy French Birn about resiless learning

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Derivative horror corr some smart dialogue. Dan Roser

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visionary architect, filmed in 1948 with Gary Cooper and Patricia Nex Grandiose, sitly, and compelling. Director, King Vidor. LES MISERABLES (12): Straight rendering of Victor Hugo's novel, with Liam Neeson and Geoffrey Rush. OK, but no artistic heights are scaled. Director. Billie August.

RONIN (15): Old-tashloned action thrifts with Robert De Niro, Jean F and others, seeking to retrieve a mysterious briefcase.

ROUNDERS (15): Lively details, but a

Damon as a law student who CURRENT

BLADE (18): Edravagant, jumbled horror lantasy, lun for a time, with Wesley Snipes as the varrapirehunting action hero from the pages of HENRY FOOL (18): Uncouth

vagabord shakes up dysfunctional New Jersey family. Whimsical epic from Hall Hardey, with some great moments. With Thomas Jay Ryan, James Urbaniak, and Parter Posey. ANTZ (PG): Neurotic ant finds himself computer-generated animetion, matched to the voices of Woody Allen, Sharon Stone and Sylveste Stations

MY NAME IS JOE (15): Reformed Glasgow atcoholic begins on awkward romance with a healthcare worker. Impressioned marvel from director Kon Loach. With Peter Mullan and Louise Goodal.

THE EXORCIST (18): The Devil takes possession of 14-year-old Linda Blair. A milestone in movie honor, rereleased on its 25th anniversory, William Friedlich directs.

Accentuate the positive in excess of seven Mercury Music Prize on their mantelpiece, M

cessful British bands of the Nineties, popping up on day-time radio with the same predictable regularity as a cold front over Manchester. Keeping up chart appearances is the new Best Of compilation, which provides the backbone of the current tour. Although officially a quartet, Mike Pickering and Co have brought along an extra seven musicians to fill out the sound, rather than rely on tapes, and

so we have a football team's worth of percussionists, saxophonists and keyboardists on stage as well as two backing singers who would be joint winners of the Heather Small Lookalike Competition should they ever decide to hold one. Heather Small herself might even be in with a shout. Making her entrance from the steps at the back of the stage, the Afro-haired singer wore a

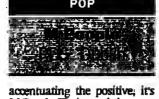
long, gold evening dress which she swapped balfway

through for casual white trou-

People are one of the most suc-

sers and a tousled top. However, it soon became clear that Small's inimitable boom and bellow was not go-ing to be done any favours by the frankly atrocious acoustics of the RDS Simmonscourt Pavilion, which is really just a. spacious hall as opposed to a bona fide music venue. Despite the use of what I am led to believe was state-of-the-art equipment, one still felt that one had cotton wool in one's

Still, if ever a band stood for



M People. Their music is so upbeat that one feels it is only a matter of time before the NHS starts prescribing it as a Pro-zac substitute. Blending the seminal 1970s disco of the likes of Donna Summer and Sister Sledge with the populist in-stincts of 1980s impresarios Stock, Aitken and Waterman, M People deliver their feelgood arena-pop with a sense of joy and a complete lack of pre-

An early brace of hits culminated with the rousing How Can I Love You More, during which images of the band's record sleeves and, bizarrely. press clippings were projected onto a screen. You have got to admire the neck of a band who indulge in such shameless self-promotion. But this was nothing compared with the brazen PR coup they pulled off near the end when the band's logo was superimposed over a projection of the Irish tricolour. Soon after, the capacity crowd were chanting "Ole,

Olé" as one. Although a cold, wet Monday night is hardly the ideal context in which to hear such dancefloor anthems as One Night In Heaven, Fantasy Island or Testify, the fact is that M People surmounted all obstacles. Let them entertain

NICK KELLY

Stuck with a rut

t is a tribute to the West Country blues-rock quartet Reef that they sold out their current British tour after a year away from the music scene and with no new record to promote. Loyal fans of all ages gave the band a rapturous reception at Rock City in Nottingham on Sunday night. and the Glasionbury-based foursome responded with a buoyant set which was high on testosterone-charged energy but low on risk.

have yet to make their mark commercially in America, despite recording their last two albums there and belonging to the unoretentious, hard-rocking school which traditionally spells success across the Atlantic. Meanwhile they become ever more popular at home, despite rejecting the ironic wordplay, theatrical angst and regional pride which characterise their more critically ac-

claimed British peers. There was certainly little in the way of subtlety or sophistication on display in Nottingham. Instead, Reef delivered familiar booming drums, towering choruses, and caveman whoops. Anyone who fears that these strapping country boys might have sof-



This music still bypasses oth the heart and the head to aim squarely at the groin, and therein lies much of its appeal. A propulsive, funky swagger underpins every song, while Gary Stringer's lusty vocals still sound more like Tarzanstyle mating calls than romantic serenades.

To their credit, Reef performed with great verve, clearly relishing the opportunity to re-acquaint themselves with such rousing anthems as Come Back Brighter. A new song entitled Sweetie exhibited an uncharacteristic gentleness and melodic richness, but it was guitarist Kenwyn House's masterful approximation of vintage Keith Richards riffs on Place Your Hands which provided the show's somewhat



gravel-voiced sound after spending several months in Los Angeles recording their third album would have been delighted to discover that business as usual prevails in Reef-

predictable peak. This former



Feel-good arena pop: M People's Heather Small in performance at the RDS in Dublin

most dynamic and memorable song to date.

Rather less impressively the band still seemed to be stuck in a rut of their own making, too lazy or uninspired to progress beyond their rudi-

single remains the quartet's mentary repertoire of traditionalist tricks. The bluesy funk which informs their every tune has been a foundation stone of rock for almost 50 years, but Reef stubbornly refuse to add any serious adornment or variation. This nostalgic formula

has served them well so far. but their reluctance to challenge their audience, or themselves, suggests a paucity of imagination which could eventually be their undoing.

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n attempting to describe the famously pugnacious sound of Maynard Ferguson's late-1950s band for which he played second frombone, Mike Zwerin resorts to paraphrasing Joseph Conrad: They weren't making music, they were murdering silence . . Forte was about as quiet as it got and allegro was a slow tempo." Now, forty years on, in his 71st year, the Canadian trumpeter may pace himself a little more, restricting his trademark high-note passages to brief bravura flourishes, but his band, the ten-piece Big Bop Nouveau, is still a killer: cocky, brassy - and loud.

But Ferguson's music is also tight, punchy and — played as is by an exuberantly youthful band fresh out of college irrepressibly zestful. Many leaders, having achieved Ferguson's celebrity status, would be content to coast, secure in the knowledge that the combination of a famous name and nine pairs of younger shoulders, willing to shoulder the bulk of the musical burden, is



often enough to please nostalgia buffs. As soon as Ferguson took the stage, however, smear-ing piercingly high notes over the band's loping blues riff, it was clear that his desire to communicate with audiences burnt as brightly as ever.

True, as Ferguson himself wryly pointed out - 'he does all the work and I take all the money" - bassist Paul Thompson is the band's MD, and the great majority of the longer solos are taken by the likes of saxophonist Mike Dubaniewicz and trumpeter Adolfo Acosta. but it is their apparently indefatigable leader who sparks the band. Switching between trumpet and flugelhorn, he not only set the pace and tone for such flag-wavers as Caravan but also took the music up a gear where needed with short, blistering solos.

Given that such controlled rumbustiousness was to be the band's keynote, Ferguson's introduction of a ragacame as something of a surprise. After a trombone solo from Kelsley Grant, though, the band swung into a lengthy 6/8 romp that matched, for sheer power and energy, anything they played all night. Even the set closer, a funky New Orleansrhythm medley, was almost restrained by comparison - although, in typical Ferguson style, he ended with a fourtrumpet romp through When the Saints Go Marchin In that made Mike Zwerin's assessment sound downright subdued.

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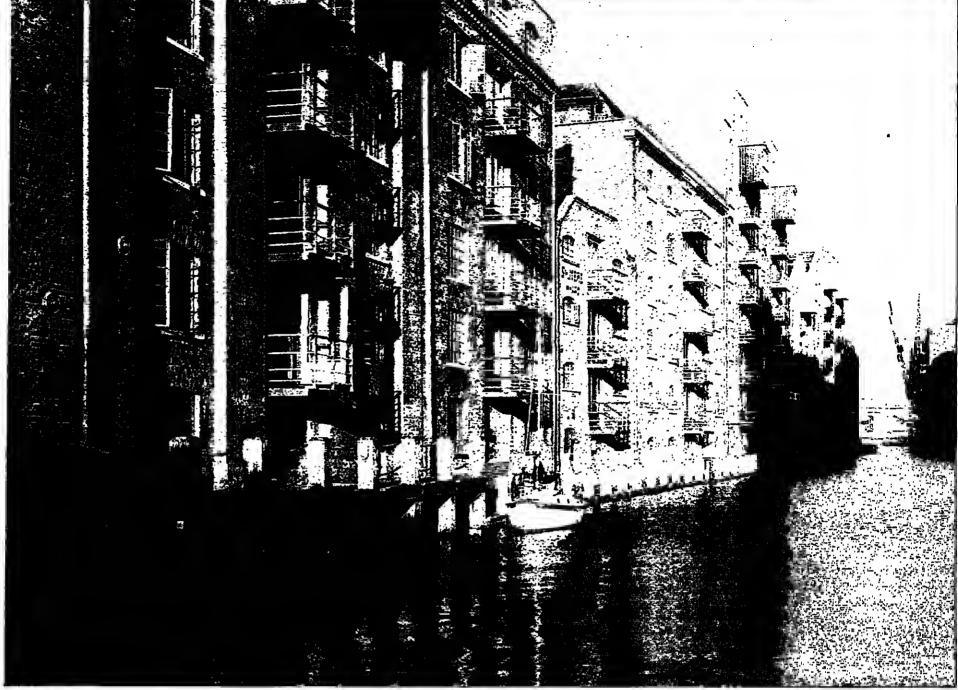
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Icon-painting revived

ARCHITECTURE: Marcus Binney reports on the growing calls to regenerate Britain's derelict buildings as housing

Plenty of room to park in town?





Home is where the derelict building was: left, two of the ten disused warehouses in Manchester's Whitworth Street that now provide more than 1,000 flats: right, the once-derelict St Saviour's Dock in Southwark is a mix of businesses and home

ord Rogers of Riverside has a fight on his hands. His Urban Task Force was set up to identify brownfield sites to help to meet the Govemment's target of 4.4 million new homes in England by 2016. But it foresaw the need being met entirely by new development; in his prospectus, listed buildings are regarded simply as a constraint that "can effectively block redevelopment".

Now a growing hand of envir mentalists, town planners and housing charities is hitting back. claiming that at least half the need could be met from refurbishing existing disused buildings.

Dame Jennifer Jenkins, for ten years the chairman of the Historic Buildings Council (now English Heritage), says: "I fear that the emphasis on large-scale redevelopment presages a repeat of the wholesale clearances of the 1960s which drove so many residents and businesses from historic centres."

She was launching a report, Catalytic Conversion, published by an alliance of 21 conservation groups, which sets out a dramatic story of urban regeneration - 1,800 jobs created in refurbished Victorian mills at Saltaire near Bradford. 3,500 in the former textile mills at Dean Clough, Halifax. At St Saviour's Dock, along a Thames creek. derelict warehouses have become a thriving mix of small businesses

An authoritative study of vacant land and buildings issued by Friends of the Earth, titled Tomorrow: A Peaceful Path to Urban Reform, concludes that there is a potendal capacity for 7.2 million homes without touching one acre of greenfield. And half of this is achievable in the next 16 years, if the Government is willing to instigate the necessary policies.

First, the Empty Homes Agency has identified a staggering 767,000 properties standing vacant. Next.

up to 100,000 homes can be created in empty commercial space. Loft apartments are now being created in old warehouses all over the country by private developers and housing associations; in Whitworth Street. Manchester, ten warehouses have been converted to more than 1,000 flats, creating a new residential community. In addioon over 20 per cent of modern office space is empty in many town res and, according to the report, "the number of office conversions (to housing) is much higher

than anyone expected". Another major opportunity lies in literally "living over the shop". Walk down any shopping street outside the Central London boroughs and numerous upper floors will be found empty, or used for storage. This could provide up to one mil-lion homes. Nick Falk of URBED - the Urban and Economic Development Group - who helped to prepare the report says: "The beauty is

that this sort of accommodation is found not just in big cities but in numerous country towns, providing the spread that the Government seeks." Moreover, bringing people back into towns not only helps to sustain shops and schools but makes streets safer. A huge number of additional homes, up to two million, can be created through the subdivision of houses too large for single family use.

Il of these categories are suitable for the single-person homes so much in demand. Falk says: "All this goes against the views of the volume housebuilders, who say the only thing people want is boxes on green fields in the middle of nowhere." One survey, showing that 76 per cent rejected the idea of living in urban areas, was found to have been conducted entirely among people who had just bought brand new suburban homes.

The blg question is just how quickly these buildings can be brought back into use. The attraction of greenfield sites is that once services such as water and sewer-age have been provided, building is easy. By contrast, persistence is needed to free up empty buildings. A handy report, Joined Up Thinks ing, published by the indefatigable Empty Homes Agency, describes

successful action by local councils. Empty homes can blight on neighbouring houses. Absentee owners include offshore companies hoping to cash in on redevelopment, and developers with negative equity awaiting an upturn in the market. Compulsory purchase is expensive and time consuming. The agency recommends that councils carrying out "works-in-default" put a charge on the property, like a mortgage; the mere threat of this frequently prompts a sale.

Many absentee owners are also claiming 100 per cent discount on

council tax on the grounds that major works are under way, but the works never show any signs of start-ing. URBED thinks businesses should be taxed on empty property, but given a rate holiday when it comes back into use,

Most prejudicial of all is the fact that new houses are free of VAT while most forms of repair attract a hefty 17.5 per cent rate. URBED demands equal treatment for new

For Rogers and his colleagues, it is a question of which battle to fight first. The scene is set for a replay of the classic battle fought by the Association of Waterloo Groups against Rogers's proposals in the early Eighties for a massive development of offices and shops running from Waterloo station to Blackfriars

The then president of RIBA claimed this was a site of national importance which should not just be left to the locals. But the locals won, the Oxo Tower is handsomely restored, and a large number of local families occupy newly built terraces near by.

The Government's call for much higher densities around major rail terminals could spark fierce battles with local communities in places such as King's Cross and Southwark. These are all the more unnecessary as English Heritage has a massive war chest for conservation

If Rogers can make common cause with environmental groups, he could go down in history as the man who both revived the city and saved the countryside. And there will still be no shortage of land for new architecture on brownfield sites — up to 75,000 hectares, providing 3.5 million homes.

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GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

PETER ROSE

Age: 21

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Profession: Playwright Fleshy fantasy: Aged 19, he wrote Snatch, a gruesome drama about a man and a woman who possess each other's bodies. Premiered by Soho Theatre Company at the Pleasance in London earlier this month, it was praised by The Times's Jeremy Kingston as "alarming" and "remarkable".

Picture perfect: Bloody

Light, completed when he was all of 17, opened at the White Bear Theatre, Kennington, last night and runs unni December 13. "It's a fairly extreme story about an art dealer who visits a really working-class household, decides that the girl he finds there is a perfect work of art and offers her father a huge amount

of money for her." Any more scripts tucked away? Yes. Monsters has been lying around for five years. "It's about a girl who has no morals. It's OK, but you can tell I was 16 when I wrote it."

No model pupil, he: He left school in East Barnet, London, at 16. "I didn't get on with the teachers and wasn't very good at being taught. As soon as I left. I started writing and also found myself reading and adoring Shakespeare, Dylan Thomas and all the other writers I had despised at school." Making ends meet: "To pay the bills I worked in shops, as a labourer at Kew Gardens and with my Dad, who's a bak-

er. When I was unemployed I wrote all day." Favourite characters: "I'm interested in innocent people who become victims. I don't want to write just for entertain-

ment's sake. I want to get people talking." Influences? The most important is another dramaost with a penchant for innocent victims: Joe Orion. "I like the way a penenant for innocent victims, see Crisis. I are the he laughed at things you aren't supposed to laugh at."

Ideal audience: "I don't want just to attract regular theatregoers. My Mum and Dad and about 30 of my friends and relations came to see Snatch and none of them had ever been to the theatre before. What's great is that my parents went back to the Pleasance for the next production."

What next? I'm working on a new play, but I haven't gut an agent and I'm not earning a living from wriong. I'll see how things go for another year and review the situation."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

A pestle to the faithful

R ecently I visited West-minster Abbey. Out-side, on Parliament Square, the rush-hour traffic shoved and hassled. Big Ben bashed out the passing hour. But inside all was still. Thick walls filtered the fluster from the morning air. And, hanging on twin piers of the nave, a pair of icons gleamed, their solemn beauty seeming to cap-ture and distil the quiet mood.

"It would be difficult to be an iconographer and not be religious," says Sergei Fyodorov, the Russian artist from whom this pair of icons was commis-sioned four years ago. He himself, having been brought up in Soviet Russia, came to his own Orthodox beliefs only later in life. He was already a teenage student at a Moscow art college when, captivated by the beauty of the icons in a museum, he grew curious and visited a church for the first time. From then on he secretly ap-prenoced himself to a monk, Father Zinon, who, over the next decades, was not only to inspire Fyodorov in his faith. but teach him the ancient tradioons of the iconographer's art.

The purpose of an artist in making a painting is complete-ly different from that of making an icon," Fyodorov explains. "Although an icon may look like a painting on the surface, it is a church docurine, an evidence of the embodiment of God." The process of creating one, he believes, is a service similar to that which a priest leads in church. It should be

prayerful Perhaps prayer is the source of the icon painter's necessary sense of dedication. In a contemporary era of acrylic paints and ready-made components. when a "masterpiece" can be only an idea and a phone call to a technician away, the pains-taking processes of iconogra-

The Russian iconographer's art is alive, well, and on show in London. Rachel Campbell-Johnston reports



Virgin with Child, by the iconographer Sergei Fyodorov

can eventually be laid down

years of practice.

with a precision that takes

Gilding is also a skilled -

and expensive — craft. Rich 24 carat gold is applied in leaves, although for the finest details

- the fringes of a Virgin's robe

or the stars on St George's bil-lowing cape — gold dust bound with gum arabic is painted on. Using a pestle and

mortar, Fyodorov grinds all

his own pigments - mala-

chite, lapis, ochres and cinna-

bar - mixing them into an

emulsion with egg yolk, water

and unprofitable. The ancient techniques which Fyodorov follows cannot be hurried or made easier. "If a process takes 12 hours then it takes 12 hours," he says. "It can't be cut to six."

He explains the careful stages by which an icon is prepared, starting from the wooden board: lime is best — soft and without too many knots or too much resin. On to this, layer upon layer of gesso is applied, building up a surface like polished ivory on to which phy may appear old-fashioned the lineaments of composition

and white wine. "Any old wine will do," says Fyodorov. "I'm not going to waste chablis. But the eggs must be free-range and organic." When the painting is com-

plete - another slow process, since Fyodorov paints only in daylight and during the summer months — the gilt is bur-nished by rubbing with a smooth hard stone and the icon's surface sealed with a varnish made of amber, ground and melted in turpentine and linseed oil. Stirred over heat for five or six hours, it is applied as it cools, before it becomes too viscous. n exhibition of Fyodor-

A cov's work, A Vision of Eternity, has been giving buyers in search of authentic craftsmanship a rare opportunity. Once, icons were smug-gled out of Russia easily and could be picked up at reasonable prices by those prepared to brush any pangs of conscience aside. Now the Russian mafia has a strangehold control on soared. And although, as a result, a number of modern commercial icon-makers have sprung up, they understand neither the technical nor spiritual basics of their art. "A commercial icon," Fyodorov says. "is just a horrible picture. Gold does not make an icon

The craftsmanship of Fyodorov's art is rare - the serene composition, the rich sense of colour, the subtlety of the brushwork, the delicacy of each detail. But it is the inspiration behind them that shines through. "If a true iconogra-pher talks of inspiration, he can only talk of God's inspiration," Fyodorov says.

• Vision of Eternity is at Daphne Johns Contemporary Art. 12 Duke Street, SWI (0171-930 0986) until Friday



Avant-garde for ninety years | Homage paid to Sweden's own

MUSIC: Britain pays homage to Elliott Carter

this week. John **Allison** met the great composer

reaches 90, there is plenty of music for a birthday concert. But it is fitting that when leading interpreters of Elliott Carter's music gather at the Barbican on Saturday to celebrate with him, all the works will be recent. He is experiencing such a remarkable Indian summer that a retrospective would hardly be appropriate.

Indeed, of the two scores receiving first London performances, one - the Piano Quintet - will be only ten days old, having been premiered in Washington last Wednesday. If the style of his other new works is anything to go by. this music will be as complex as ever yet sparer than before, while still immediately engaging in its emotions.

Carter's recent music belongs to a "fate late" period that few would have predicted. His long life has only in-creased his stature. Today this distinguished, sharp-witted figure, the embodiment of what a great composer should look like, still works away in the study in his Greenwich Vil-

lage apartment in New York. On the day I visited, earlier this month, the desk was covered in pages from his first opera, due for its premiere in Berlin next summer. Aptly titled What Next?, it has been a big undertaking at his age, even if it is a chamber opera lasting around 45 minutes. Commissioned by Daniel Barenboim. it was the result of the conductor's persistence.

Even when I was in hospital with nearly fatal pneumonia he was on the phone. I began to think that if somebody wanted it that much, I must

Finally I saw the movie of Jacques Tati called Traffic. It



Elliott Carter, whose 90th hirthday is celebrated in Britain this weekend. "I thought about writing electronic music, but I found the sounds primitive"

all the others - an enormous automobile accident. Everyone gets out and starts doing exercises, everything's turned into a joke. I liked the idea of a comic opera, so I talked to Paul Griffiths about providing

the libretto." What had kept him from writing an opera before? "The kind of text I'd been interested in would not have interested an operatic audience. They were all curious things by people like Ionesco and Beckett. I felt that if f wrote what I wanted to, nobody would play it in

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but in America the operatic world has been very limited, and I felt a lot of resistance."

Carter is perhaps a prophet without honour in his own country. Recent events, such as the New York Philharmonic's cancellation of a previously secured commission, have only served to underline his alienation from the American musical scene. He admits that his performance royalties are about four times as high from Europe as from America.

"Most of the world now supports young composers, which

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composer it shows you have very American nor very Euroconviction in what he did; with a young one it's showing conviction in what he might do so you're not in a situation where you can be criticised. America has always been not very concerned with its past but always looks to its future."

arter's outlook is thoroughly transatlantic, and it is not surprising that while Europeans view him as American, Americans think of him as European. Though labelling can

pean. For one thing he never went down the electronic music route of most of his Europe-

an counterparts.
"I'm very wedded to the idea of people performing, and part of the effect of music is the presence of performers. A concert is a kind of abstract theatrical event. I thought about writing electronic music, but I found the sounds primitive."

Though Carter's music sounds like no other, he lists many influences. First come Scriabin, Stravinsky and the perform in the 1920s. Then there was his friendship with Varèse, and studies in Paris with Boulanger.

Most famously there was his mentor Ives, and even Copland at first. "Copland was a very evocative writer, but I didn't find that American folklore stuff very admirable. He was looking at it through some kind of nostalgic haze, but it was a rather brutal time, nothing to be nostalgic about. My grandfather was actually in the Civil War, so we had it

all in our family." Carter had a privileged upbringing, in the New York epoch described by Edith Wharton. "But I was a very rebellious young fellow, I was against this bourgeois world. I can't say I was a communist, but I got very interested in the

Soviet Union. "My classmates were also interested in contemporary things. One of them was Eu-

time O'Neill ran a theatre where the added attraction was that you buy liquor, even during the Prohibition!"

He still recoils at the conservatism he encountered at Harvard, where he read not only music but literature. Greek, mathematics and philosophy. "I went there primarily because the Boston Symphony was playing so much contemporary music under Kous-sevitsky, but the Harvard music department thought it all an aberration that needed to

be suppressed." Holst, an exchange professor. cannot have helped. "He always used to say: 'Mr Carter, if you played the piano better you wouldn't play so many wrong notes T'

Seventy years on. Carter remains a confirmed Modernist. What I consider conservative everyone else now considers Post-Modern! I'm bothered by repetitive music. We live in a world that is insistently repetitive: look at all the advertising that goes on, the political things that repeat themselves. And yet people seem to want this sleepy-time music, th's dangerous not to think, and art should be setting an example."

The Barbican celebrates Carter from 4pm on Saturday with the Arditti Quartet. Ursula Oppens and BBC Symphony Orchestra (0171-638 8891). Carter is also featured at the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival on Friday gene O'Neill's son, and at the (01484 430528)

his time last year Stock-holm's Konsenthus honoured Sir Michael Tippett in an ambitious ten-day festival of his music it turned out to be the final - and one of the finest — celebrations before his death. This year the grand old man of Swedish music. 77-year-old Ingvar Lidholm, is being fêted in this annual festival devoted to a single contemporary composer for which the Konserthus is renowned.

Like Tippett. Lidholm's influence on the music and the musical activity of his native land is vast and various. His career has spanned composition, teaching, radio, journal-ism; his music is written in every genre. Like Tippett, too, the young Lidholm was fascinated by Stravinsky, by early vocal polyphony, by the Classical, the Neo-Classical and, above all, by the human voice. Essentially more conventional than Tippett in both his musical and dramatic thinking, Lidholm is a supreme master of choral writing: indeed, it seems at times as if the human voice is there singing at the heart of everything he writes.

As Robert Wilson's new production of Strindberg's Dream Play was opening across the road, Lidholm's symphonic adaptation of his own 1992 Dream Play opera (premiered this August in Santa Fe in a production by Colin Graham) was being rehearsed in the Konserthus. I dropped by later in the week for an evening called The Greek Inspiration in which the seldom performed Nausicaa Alone, a thrilling half-hour ritual for solo soprano (Nina Stemme), choir and ensemble (the Stock-



holm Sinfonietta), was preceded by an eloquent new "dia-logue" for oboe and cor

anglais called Grekiska pipa. This often demanding and challenging festival has man-aged to build and sustain full houses for the greater part of its 12 years, largely thanks to the local loyalty built by the charisma of the Konserthus's outgoing director, Ake Holmavist, now in his last year, and by energetic and imaginative programming. This concert also matched Stravinsky's Apollon Musagete with Lidholm's hieratic The Persians, a thrumming, throbbing dra-matic scena for tenor, baritone, and male voice choir (the excellent Orphei Drängar).

The full extent of the versatility and virtuosity of Lidholm's choral palette was revealed the great Swedish choral conductor Eric Ericson, celebrating his 80th birthday, conducted his own chamber choir in the three Greek epigrams, or "mottos for music", which form Lidholm's Ur A cappella book. They sprang out of the echoes of madrigals by Monteverdi and Gesualdo, and found continuing reverberations in The Wind's Lament, an unaccompanied chorus, by turns acer-bic and elegiac, from Lidholm's Dream Play.

HILARY FINCH

Bach out of time

rans Brüggen returned to the Barbican with his Orchestra of the 18th Century and the Gulbenkian Choir for an all-Bach pro-gramme that featured the Magnificat, and it was all very revealing - although not perhaps in the way I would have expected.

Tempos, especially in the choruses, were on the fast side, which allowed the small-scale, to whizz through virtuoso fugal numbers such as Omnes Generationes, but they lacked depth in the more dramatic moments. Generally, however, the balance between choir and orchestra was good.

But more telling than the niceties of tone and timbre (astonishingly loud flutes, for example, in the Et misericordia). was the sense that both Brüggen and his players are now more centred on the repertory of the latter part of the 18th century, on the Classical period (and later) rather than the Baroque, and that this has influenced his approach to Bach. That approach is generally broader and sometimes iess characterfully shaped: a smoothing out of the Baroque style sought so earnestly in the early years of the so-called au-

thentic movement is evident. This was particularly the case with Brüggen's line-up of Dutch soloists — Hieke Mep-pelink (soprano), Wilke te



Brummelstrocte (mezzo), Marcel Beekman (tenor) and Jelle Draijer (bass). Not one was really stylistically aware in terms of phrasing or ornamentation, but all sang in a monoof some misplaced sense of musical correctness. It was probably financial economy that obliged Brüggen to use the female voices of the choir for the Suscepit Israel rather than bring over a second soprano soloist, but it was not a successful compromise.

It was also possibly in the nature of a compromise to late 20th-century conventions of concert programming that Bruggen included the celebrated Air from the third Orchestral Suite in his rendition of the Suite No 4. Even though the two Suites are in the same key, there is no evidence that Bach would have expected the Air to reappear here, and it seemed as if it were included to pad out a comparatively short second half. There was much fine orchestral playing. but I do wonder when those once passionately held ideals quietly began to be dropped.

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DANCE: Yet another crisis has hit the Royal Ballet, writes Debra Craine

at the Royal Ballet are jumping ship to throw their lot in with the flamboyant Japanese star Tetsuya Kumakawa has caused a predictable stir. Anything emanating from the Royal Opera House these days is inevitably seen as another nail in the coffin of the nation's premier dance and opera institution. Ever since Covem Garden closed for redevelopment 18 months ago, crisis has followed crisis, and the way ahead has become increasingly unclear. In an at-mosphere of such insecurity about the future, dancers are

bound to lose heart. So it is not surprising that five of them are leaving midseason. Gary Avis, Stuart Cas-sidy, Matthew Dibble, Michael Nunn and William Trevitt handed in their resignations to the Royal Ballet's director, Anthony Dowell, on Friday, just before the company's performance at Belfast's Grand Opera House. They will leave after the Christmas season at London's Festival Hall, giving Dowell just a Icw months to find enough dancers to perform on the regional Dance Bites tour, which starts on March I.

Dowell is clearly furious. "I feel I have to express my disappointment at the way in which these dancers have chosen to handle their departure," he said in a statement. "There have been rumours about this

Farewell to Covent Garden



Tetsuya Kumakawa is being joined by five male colleagues

throughout the dance community for several months, and I would have found it preferable to engage in open discussions over that time." They may not sound like strong words, but coming from Dowell they are. So how big is the loss? Some might say that there is an opportunity here for the compa-

ny to rid itself of some dead

on its roster - Carlos Acosta, Jonathan Cope and Bruce Sansom. Guest artists like frek Mukhamedov and Igor Zelensky help to fill the gaps, but they are no substitute for per-

Cassidy and Trevitt are principal dancers and their resignation leaves the Royal Bailet with only three principal men

manent company members.

Kumakawa, who abruptly

Royal's top draws, but he had long been keen to strike out on his own. He is the figurehead of the new London-based company, backed by Japanese money (incredibly generous, by all accounts), which plans to perform in London and Japan. Ballet is wildly popular in Japan, and Kumakawa its

biggest Japanese star. So far, only male colleagues are joining his enterprise, but the betting is that some of the Royal's women will also be tempted. Morale in the company is extremely low and contract negotiations are still dragging on between dancers and management. So the lure of fresh artistic challenges coupled with big money elsewhere is understandably appealing, despite the risky na-ture of the venture.

Michael Kaiser, Covent Garden's newly arrived executive director, is well aware of the dark mood of his dancers. Certainly it is an insecure time at the Royal Opera House and the lack of security is felt," he says. "But we are working hard to get through this period, and I think we

He points to the experience of his last employer, American Ballet Theatre. "At ABT we lost over ten dancers in the past year. But companies change; they find new artists. And replacements add vigour and excitement to a company."

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Disappointed beneficiary should seek rectification

at the trial.

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Before Lord Justice Simon Brown. Lord Justice Mummery and Sir Christopher Stade Judgment November 19

In an action by a disappointed ben-eficiary against solicitors for negli-gence in failing to include a specific devise in the will, the issue was not the testatrix's true lestamentary intentions but whether or not there was convincing evidence on the halance of probabilities that the soliciire in the circumstances to carry out the lesiatrix's instruc dons constituted negligence.

The courts would expect a plaintiff to miogate his damage by bring-ing rectification proceedings and to exhausi that remedy before suing the sotiction for negligence.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an ppeal by Robert James Walker from an order of Judge Perren, QC, in Birmingham County Court whereby he gave judgment for the cott & Son.

Miss Joanne Wicks for Mr Walk-er: Ms Teresa Rosen Peacocke for the solicitors.

SIR CHRISTOPHER SLADE said that Mr Walker was a nephew of the testatrix, Marion Ruth Col-

ins. who died on May 27, 1995. Mr Walker claimed that, contrary to the testatrix's instructions, the solicitors, in drafting the will, negli-gently failed to include in it a specif-ic devise in his favour of the testatrix's house at 11 Norton Street. Knighton, Powys.

The action was brought in reli-ance on the principles established

hy the majority decision of the House of Lords in White v James

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| 1995 | 2 AC 207].
In that case the House of Lords
approved the decision in Ross v
Caunters (| 1980 | Ch 297) upholding a claim in negligence brought against solicitors by a disappointed beneficiary under a will which. owing to the soliciturs' negligence, had not been properly allested.

in Carr-Glynn v Freasons (1998) 4 All ER 225), in which a solicitor-draftsman of a will failed to advise the testator to serve a notice of severance of a joint tenancy of a property, with the result that the property did not fall into the testafor's estate and a gift to the plaintiff of the testator's interest in the property could not take effect, the Court uf Appeal held that the plaintiff did have a remedy.

The facts of the present case, however, differed from those uf Ross v Caunters, White v Jones and Carr-Glynn v Freasons.

The alleged negligence of the so-licitors consisted not of the failure to see that the will was properly at-tested, or of the failure to draw it up, or of the failure to advise a testator to take some action to ensure that the relevant asset would fall into his estate, but of the failure to draft the will in accordance with the testatrix's instructions.

A claim against solicitors brought by a disappointed beneficiary who claimed that the will was negligently drafted could be said to give rise to questions of principle that did not arise in those cases. In none of them would the disappointed beneficiary have had any remedy if he had none in negligence. On the other hand, in circum-

stances such as those of the present

by no means the disappointed beneficiary's only remedy, because of the existence of the remedy of recrification.

In the nineteenth century, in the where a will had been read over to a testalor or its contents had been brought to his attention in any oth er way, and he had executed it, that should be treated as conclusive evidence that he approved, as well as knew its contents.

As the decision of Mr Justice Latey in In re Morris (1971) P 62) showed, those lacts were no longer regarded by the court as conclusive or as giving rise to a presumption Nevertheless for obvious rea-

sons of public policy, the court would still attach considerable importance to them in weighing the evidence as to knowledge and tip-The law as thus stated would have precluded any question of rec-

ofication in the present case by the

the house in favour of Mr Walker.

However, section 20 of the Administration of Justice Act provid-"I) If a court is satisfied that a will is so expressed that it fails to carry out the testator's intentions, in consequence - (a) of a clerical er-ror; or (b) of a failure to understand his intendons, it may order that the will shall be rectified so as

to carry out his intentions." In view of the importance at-tached in White v Jones to the abavailable to the plaintiff, it might tions but the note could not be rehave been arguable that a solicitor-draftsman of a will owed no duty garded as comprehensive instruc-tions for a will. The note contained

who, due to the failure of the solicitor to earry out his instructions in the drafting of the will, took no ben-effi under the will in its furm as exe-

In the present case, however, nu such argument had been submit-ted on behalf of the solicitors. They had accepted from the start that they owed a duty of care to Mr Walker in drafting the will. That concession was rightly made.

As the case had been argued, the istence of the alternative remedy rectification had been relevant for Iwu reasons.

First, it had given rise to a sub-mission un behalf of the solicitors raised by a respondent's notice that even if a breach of duty had been es-tablished. Mr Walker should recover nothing because he had failed to mitigate his damage by pursuing the remedy of rectification. Second, it reinforced the view

that the onus of proof falling on a disappointed beneficiary who brought a claim in negligence against the solicitor-draftsman of an executed will was an exacting one: see In re Segelman (1996) Ch 171, 1841. Turning to the facts, his Lord-ship said that on April 4, 1986 the testatrix, who was then a lady in

pared and sent it to her on April 8. her early 70s, presented her herself at the solicitors office saying that On April 9 the testatrix came to Mr Medlicott's office. She conshe wanted to make a will and was firmed that she was content with taken to see Mr Peter James Medlithe will as drawn and executed it. After the testatrix's death Mr The testatrix had brought with Walker learned that the house would fall to be dealt with merely her a note which she lotended to as part of her residuary estate in use as an aide-memoire for the purpose of giving the solicitors instrucwhich he would take a mere one-

Mr Walker's case was in effect

those contemplated by the testa-

trix's own note in a number of re-

spects.

Most materially of all for

present purposes, the attendance note contained no reference to any

intended specific devise of the house in favour of Mr Walker.

In the evening of April 4, 1986, three hours after the interview, Mr

Medlicott dictated a draft will and

checked it. He then arranged for

an engrossment of it to be pre-

a number of entries, one being "House and contents to |Mr Walkcorporate in the will the gift of the house and contents in favour of Mr

Walker, must have been negligent. The issue in relation to liability was whether or not Mr Walker During his interview with the testatrix and in her presence. Mr Medlicott made a handwritten at-tendance note of what he underhad proved by convincing evidence on the balance of probabilities that stood to he her instructions for her will. That was clearly done by referthe testatrix instructed Mr Medli-cott to include in her will a gift of ence to her own note, but after disthe house to Mr Walker and Mr dedicon failed to carry out th Both the testatrix's note and the instructions in circumstances that

endance note, which recorded constituted negligence. that the interview lasted 18 min-utes, were retained by Mr Medli-The judge found that that had not been proved and there were no sufficient grounds upon which their Lordships would be equited to reach a different finding. con and were important evidence In so far as they were recorded

in the attendance note, the instruc-There was, however, a further tions given by the testatrix to Mr Medlicott, after discussion at the in-terview, added to or differed from or alternative ground on which the appeal had to fail.

Ms Peacocke submitted that if

Mr Walker's case as presented at the trial was well founded he would have had a valid claim for rectification of the will under sec-tion 20(1) of the 1982 Act. His Lord-

If the will failed to carry out the testatrix's intentions, that must a clerical error by Mr Medlicott in recording the restatrix's instruc-tions in his attendance note, leading to a corresponding error in the will as drafted, or of a failure on his part to understand the instruc-

At least at first sight, it was difficult to understand why Mr Walker chose to begin by instituting proceedings for negligence rather than rectification.

In answer, Miss Wicks submitted that it was reasonable for Mr Walker not to have brought proceedings for rectification. She re-ferred their Lordships to Pilkington r Wood ([1953] I Ch 770) in which Mr Justice Harman had held that the plaintiff was not obliged, even under an indemnity against his costs, to undertake complex tirigation.

Mr Medlicon, she pointed out. so far from offering any indemnity. from the start denied that then tions. An action for rectification she submitted, would have been as hotly disputed as the present ac-

That might be so, but, so far as his Lordship could see, the evi-dence on both sides would nave been precisely the same. If Mr Walker had a valid claim in negli-gence, then a lortiori he would have had a good claim for rectification of the will.

Throughout the judgment, his Lordship had assumed in favour of Mr Walker, without deciding, that a beneficiary who, due to the negli-gent failure of the solicitor-draftsman of a will to carry out the testator's instructions, took no benefit under the will in its form as executed, had a good cause of action against the solicitor, even though he also had a good claim for rectifi-

Even on that assumption, how-ever, his Lordship did not think that the law should encourage the bringing of actions against solici-tor-draftsmen in such circumstanc-

First, successful actions for negli-gence in such circumstances would or might result in beneficiaries other than the successful plainoff retaining adventioous benefits greater than those which they would have enjoyed if the will had been

proceedings for an offence under

Mr Andrew Bird for the Com-

missioners of Customs and Excise;

Mr Brunt did not appear and was

the Customs and Excise Acts."

tator's intendons. Justice would seem to demand that such other beneficiaries should share the financial burden

rectified so as to accord with the tes-

of putting things right. cision in Pilkington v Wood, as a general rule, the courts could rea-sonably expect the plaintiff to mitigate his damage by bringing pro-ceedings for recification of the will, if available, and to exhaust that remedy before considering bringing proceedings for negli-gence against the solicitor.

Accordingly, his Lordship would accept Ms Peacocke's submission that, since Mr Walker had failed to miogate his damages, if any, by first issuing proceedings for rectification of the will, be should on that ground, if no other, recover nothing in the action.

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY. agreeing, said that the novel fea-ture of the present case was that, if the remedy of rectification was available to Mr Walker, he would have inherited the house under the will, as rectified.

Where the solicitor admitted his failure to understand and carry out his instructions, the obvious remedy of the aggrieved beneficiary was

If the application succeeded he might also have a damages claim against the solicitor for the costs incurred in the rectification applica-

Lord Justice Simon Brown delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Edge & Ellison, Birmingham; Pinsent Curtis, Birming

Motion to enforce not 'proceedings'

Darby v Meeban and Another

Before Mr Stephen Tomlinson, QC [Judgment October 22]

As a notice of motion to enforce a Tomlin order, after the staying of an action on agreed terms scheduled to the order, did not constitute "proceedings", the court had no power, pursuant to section 35A of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as inserted by section 15 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982, to award interest in respect of the late payment of a sum owed under the terms of the order.

A term in a Tomlin order, modelled on a term contained in a partnership deed, which permitted an outgoing partner in a firm to retain clients of the firm after he had left the firm "provided that the retention of that business should constitute part payment of the outgoing partner's share of the [partner-ship's] goodwill" had the effect of preventing the remaining partners of the firm from soliciting or can-vassing the customers whose business had been retained y the de-

parting partner. Mr Stephen Tomlinson, QC. sitting as a deputy Chancery Divi-sion judge, so held allowing in part the plaintiffs' motion to enforce the terms of a Tomlin order made on March 26, 1998 compromising an action brought by the plaintiff against his former business part-ners arising out of the dissolution of their partnership, a firm of char-tered accountants known as Folkes

His Lordship granted an injunction preventing the defendants, Clinton John Meehan and Nigel Hedley Meredith, from soliciting the clients the plaintiff, Roger Michael Darby, had retained under the terms of the order for two years, also an order for an inquiry as to damages suffered by the plaintiff resulong from the solicitation of his clients by the defendants.

His Lordship dismissed the plaintiff's claim for interest on the sum of £7,000 between April 30, 1998 and July 2, 1998, the daies on which the money became due under the Tomlin order and on which it was paid to the plaintiff respec-Mr Nicholas le Poidevin for Mr

Darby; Mr Jeremy Cousins for the HIS LORDSHIP said that the parties, all of whom were char-

tered accountants, had set up in partnership together on May I, 1997 trading under the name of Polkes Worton. Towards the end of 1997 relations between the partners deterio-rated and Mr Darby, claiming that Mr Meehan and Mr Meredith

were trying to drive him out of the partnership by humiliating him in front of clients, resolved to leave. The partnership deed allowed of the partners to retire from the partnership after giving 12 months notice, which was to ex-

That meant that Mr Darby's retirement could not take effect until April 30, 1999, so on February 20 1998 Mr Darby's solicitors dissolved the partnership alleging breaches of the partnership agreement by the other partners, issuing

pire on April 30.

a writ four days later. On March 26, 1998 the plaintiff's action was stayed on terms of a Tomlin order whereby the plaintiff was to retire from the partnership on April 30 and was enotied forthwith to receive undrawn profits, which were agreed in the sum of £84,000, £7,000 per month for the 12

months notice he was not required

to work under the terms of the set-

The defendants paid the plaintiff £77,000, initially withholding the final [7,000 on the ground that Mr Darby had compromised debts owed to the partnership in breach of the Tomlin order, although the £7,000 was subsequently paid on .

His Lordship rejected as misconceived Mr le Poidevin's submission that Mr Darby was entitled to interest on the £7,000 from April 30 to July 22 because the present motion constituted "proceedings (whenever instituted) ... for the recovery of a debt": see section 35A of the 1981 Act as inserted.

While proceedings in the High Court could be begun by originat-ing notice of modon, this notice of modon was brought to enforce the compromise by which the writ action commenced in February 1997, been claimed. Indeed the obligation to pay the £7,000 did not arise. until April 30, 1998.

However, the plaintiff could have protected his entitlement to interest by including an entidement to interest in the terms of the Tomlin order, or by having judgment entered on the terms of the order or by initiating fresh proceedings in respect of the debt owed under the

The second issue concerned the plainoff's claim for an injunction restraining his former partners from soliciting the clients the plain-tiff had been allowed to take with him on retiring from the partnership under the terms of the Tomlin

That was in keeping with para-graph 5.4.1 of the first schedule to the partnership deed, which allowed an outgoing partner to take clients with him provided that the retention of their business constituted "part payment of his share of the [partnership's] goodwill". It was accepted both generally

and on the true construction of the relevant provisions of the Tomlin order that the retention by Mr Darby of the business of certain clients was to be treated as a retention of

Applying Trego v Hunt (1896) AC 7, 25), a covenant was implied into the transfer of goodwill pre-venting the transferor from soliciting or canvassing those clients whose business had been transprohibition on derogation from

However, the order of the court to the Tomlin order, which, construed in the light of the partner-ship deed, was adequately supported by an order preventing the defendants from soliciting the plaintiff's retained clients for a period o two years commencing on Apri 30, 1998.

Solicitors: Higgs & Sons, Stourbridge; Waldrons, Stourbridge.

Prosecutor's right to appeal on sentence

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Brunt (William

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Mitchell

Judgment November 10)

The crown court had jurisdiction under section 147(3) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 to hear an appeal by the Customs and Excise as prosecutors, against a sentence imposed by a magistrates court in proceedings for an offence under the 1979 Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated, against the decision of the Maldstone Crown Court (Judge Simpson and two justices) in a preliminary ex parte hearing, on August 17, 1998, refusing jurisdiction to hear an appeal against a sentence imposed by

Medway Justices. on April 20,

Mr Brunt had pleaded guilty to being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of excise duty to the value of £12,583.49, contrary to section 170(2) of the 1979 Act, and had been fined £500.

The Customs and Excise had tak-

ton lenient, in light of the guide-lines set out in R v Dhosanjh (The Times May 7, 1998; [1998] 3 All ER 618) which suggested an appropriate sentence of six months to two years imprisonment.

Section 147 of the 1979 Act pro-"(3) In the case of proceedings in England and Wales, without prejudice to any right to require the state

MR JUSTICE MITCHELL said that section 147 provision gave the prosecution a right to appeal to the en the view that the sentence was crown court against any decision of the magistrates. The term "decision" included

> the two most important proceedings in criminal proceedings. namely, the decision whether the prosecution had proved guilt and if so the decision as to sentence. That was reinforced by the judg-

> ment in R v Commissioners of Cusroms and Excise, Ex parte Wagstaff (1998) Crim LR 287), in relation to the exercise of the court's dis-

sions might be reladvely unknown or relatively unused, the 1979 provisions were not new. Section 283(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 1952, section 82 of the Excise Management Act 1827 and section 23 of the Excise Management Act 1834

lo his Lordship's judgment, the language of section 147(3) of the 1979 Act could not be clearer, it entitled a prosecutor in the circumstances identified in the section to appeal against the decision im-

ent with that interpretation of sec-tion 147(3) of the 1979 Act.

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Master entitled to hold trial with consent

Pavey v Ministry of Defence Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Pill

Judgment November 10] Order 33, rule 2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court gave a master power to try an issue subject to the rules generally. There were no other provisions which prevented a master trying an issue with the consent of the parties.

Where he did so and made a final order it was appealable only to the Court of Appeal and not to a judge in chambers.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the plainoff, Vincent Pavey, from an order of Master Murray on February It. 1997, declaring that the plainoff's ciaim against the defendant, the Ministry of Defence, was statute barred and refusing to exercise the discretion vested in the court under section 33 of the Limitation Act

1980. Mr Christopher Williams for Mr Pavey: Miss Allison Hewin for the Ministry of Defence.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the plaintiff issued a writ on November 22 1994 claiming damages for negligent treatment received in 1980 to 1982 in a military hospital.

In June 1996 the plainoff sought the trial of a preliminary issue as to limitation and bability. On February II, 1997 Master Murray, with the agreement of the parties, tried the issue under section 33 of the 1980 Act and concluded that by April 1986 the plaintiff knew that he had sustained the injuries of which he complained.

ground of unfairness to the defendant, to exercise the court's discretion under section 33 to disapply the provisions of section 11. The plainoff contended that on the issue of the date of his knowl-

The master refused, on the

edge, he had at least the right of anpeal to the judge in chambers, although accepting that the master's decision not to exercise his discretion under section 33 was a final order and that the appeal from that order was to the Court of Appeal. He argued that, unless rules of the court permined the proceedings to be held in chambers and

ter as opposed to a judge. Master Murray had acted without jurisdicoon. Nor could the parties by con-sent confer upon him a jurisdiction which he had not got. Section 68 of the Supreme Court

that they could be heard by a mas-

Act 1981 provided: "(I) Provision may be made by rules of court as to the cases in

which jurisdiction of the High Court may be exercised by ... (c) masters, registrars, district registrars or other officers of the court... "(2) Without prejudice to the gen-

erality of subsection (I), rules of court may in particular - [a] authorise the whole of any cause or matter, or any question or issue therein, to be tried before any such person as is mentioned in that subsection: or (b) authorise any question arising in any cause or matter to be referred to any such person for inquiry and report."

Order 33 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of 1995 provided: "2 Subject to the provisions of these rules, a cause or matter, or any question or issue arising therein. may be tried before . (a) a Judge alone, or ... (e) a Master, or ... "

His Lordship could find no provision in the rules which excluded the power of a master to try an issue with the consent of the parties. While he inclined to the view that under the present rules the court had no general power without the parties' consent to order the trial of the issue he had power to do so.

an issue by a master, the question in the present case was whether if the parties consented to his trying Order 33, rule 2 clearly gave the

of the proceedings could not be impugned on the ground of jurisdic-

On the question of whether there was a right of appeal to the judge in chambers from the deci-sion of the master, his Lordship would hold that there was not.

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Such appeal was originally an appeal to the Divisional Court under Order 54, rule 22A(2). That indicated that in such a case the appeal was not to a judge in chambers. The order made by Master Mur-

ray was a final order: see Order 59, rule I(A)(4); Dale v British Coal Corporation (1992) 1 WLR 964) and Hughes v Jones (The Times July 18, 1996). From a final order an appeal lay to the Court of Ap-

Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Pill agreed. Solicitors: Close Thornton & Co. master power to try the issue: the parties consented and the validity

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Lord Justice Rose agreed.

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Plantiflor supplied plants and garden products to their customers via Parcelforce. They charged their customers a sum for post and pack-

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ing which mainly consisted of a sum, in an amount unknown to the customer, representing postage which sum was somewhat variable because of the nature of Planoflor's contract with Parcellorce. Mr Nicholas Paines, QC, for the Commissioners of Customs and Excise: Mr Roderick Cordara, QC, instructed by Ernst & Young, ac-

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that

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Where a supplier received money or kind from a customer which for whatever reason he would pay away to a third party, or back to the customer, and issue was raised whether in the circumstances the money formed part of the consider ation for the supply, the determina-ove question would be whether he had received it and held it on behalf of the party to whom it would be paid. That might be a matter of fact or

ey to the customer or third party.

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the common intention of the parties to any relevant transaction was that the specific fund in question should belong to someone other than the taxpayer. Such a state of affairs, where it applied, served to distinguish the case from the ordinary, situation where the taxpaver paid his sub-contractor or other supplier of

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Kerr gives way to Gloucester owner

By MARK SOUSTER

TOM WALKINSHAW, the owner of Gloucester and the Arrows motor racing team. was elected yesterday as the new chairman of English First Division Rugby (EFDR). Walkinshaw succeeds Don-ald Kerr, who had indicated his desire to step down and not seek re-election after three years in the post.

Kerr, at the forefront of the clubs' campaign during their dispute with the Rugby Football Union (RFU), said: "I wish Tom well. The last three years have been a challenging time, and I think we can now see light at the end of the tunnel." Having recently sold a computer business. Kerr will spend much of next year abroad as a tax exile.

Walkinshaw led the clubs' delegation that negotiated the Mayfair Agreement in May with the (RFU), which brought an element of stability to the game but failed to ensure a lasting peace. He is seen as less of a hawk than Kerr and his appointment should signal a more harmonious relationship with the

Brian Baister, the RFU chairman, has said that Walkinshaw is "a man l can do business with". Walkinshaw said yesterday: "My main priority is to build on the good work already done by Donald to create a new structure for English rugby to ensure the game's future prosperity." The two men are expected to meet shortly.

Kerr was instrumental in the recent commissioning of Deloitte and Touche, the management consultants, to conduct a strategic review of the game's domestic structure, the results of which are expected next month.

Walkinshaw bought control of Gloucester for £2.3 million in April last year. He will also serve as one of four EFDR representatives on the English Rugby Partnership board, the umbrella organisa-tion for the 28 Allied Dumbar Premiership first and second division clubs. He is joined by Nigel Wray, of Saracens, and Peter Wheeler and Ken Nottage, the chief executives of Leicester and Newcastle respectively.

RUGBY UNION: MACQUEEN HAPPY TO EXPERIMENT AGAINST ENGLAND AT TWICKENHAM

Australia adopt new arrivals

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SINCE a clammy Brisbane night in June. Australia have made signal advances in the global game to a position where only South Africa can claim a better record. Less than six months later, the Australians will conclude an intense international season against England at Twicken-ham on Saturday, which brings the wheel full circle.

The first of 13 internationals in 1998 brought Rod Macqueen's players a record 76-0 prepared and desperately weakened England. Though four of the players who wreaked such havoc -- Matt Burke, Tim Horan, Ben Tune and Richard Harry - are casualties, Australia will still be favoured to conclude their season with a successful defence of the Cook Cup.

They will do so with the same party that procured a 32-21 victory against France in Paris on Saturday. That will take David Wilson, the Queensland flanker, to his sixtieth international appearance (a mark reached by Phil Kearns, the hooker, in Paris). which illustrates the depth of experience that John Eales, the captain, has at his disposal. Eales himself has played 63 games for his country and, remarkably for a lock in modern rugby, has scored 153 points.

Since the two countries met in Brisbane, Australia have lost only twice, both games to South Africa, one by a single point in Perth and the other by 14 points in Johannesburg. Like England, they have gone through a World Cup qualifying process, though against more demanding opponents in the shape of Fiji. Tonga and Western Samoa.

all but ten with the boot.

We're reasonably happy with the way we went, al-though we have room for improvement," Macqueen, the Australia coach, said, "but it will be our thirteenth Test and we're looking forward to a rest. However, we're very aware that England have been criticised recently and will be coming out strongly to show they're a good side."

Macqueen disregards utterthe Brisbane result. "We have not even considered that game. We didn't take that much satisfaction from the result. It was our first game to-



Wilson, who is expected to make his sixtieth appearance for Australia in the Cook Cup match on Saturday

gether as a team; we had eight new players." Now he has lost eight of his front-line players but is happy to expose others to the international stage, 12 months away from the World Cup. Chris Latham will play only his second international on Saturday at full back, as will Nathan Grey, who looked so promising in the centre in

"We have always had a prob-

THE general state of rugby in Scotland, and the efficiency of its administration in particu-

lar, will come under scrutiny tonight at a spe-cially coovened meeting of the general commit-

tee of the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) at Murrayfield (Alasdair Reid writes). Although no

details of the agenda have been released, SRU sources revealed that discussions will focus on the role of Duncan Paterson, the chairman of

Paterson has held office since early last year,

during which time the stock of Scotland in

world rugby has tumbled, the 35-10 defeat by

the union's powerful executive board.

lem with depth in Australia," Macqueen said. "but we are happy with the resolve in the team and the maturity they have shown." That Latham and Grey can find their way into the internacional game alongside such experienced players as Jason Little and George Gregan is a substantial bonus; that they are learning to cope with cold, wet con-ditions, in training as well as

Paterson put on defensive

playing, will serve them well during the World Cup campaign in Ireland next year. Gloucester hope to add Kingsley Jones to their back-

attach no direct blame to the former internation-

al scrum half for those setbacks, they have been

scathing over the union's worsening financial

Last week, it was learned that the SRU's in-

debtedness had grown to almost £17 million.

Much of that can be attributed to the policy of

state and the turmoil that has beset the game.

row resources after Ebbw Vale found themselves forced to put their best players up for sale. Jones, the openside flanker capped ten times by Wales, met officials at Kingsholm last week and it is hoped that agree-

weekend. John Fidler, the Gloucester team manager. said. "Negotiations are at an early stage with the player and Ebbw Vale, but, with injuries to Simon Devereux and Pete Glanville, we are thin on the ground in the back row." Paul Sampson, the Wasps

wing capped by England against South Africa in Cape Town in July, plays for Mick-ey Steele-Bodger's XV in the annual match against Cambridge University at Grange Road this afternoon. David Scully, the Rotherham scrum will captain the side. which includes three Blues in Tom Murphy, Richard Bram-ley and Richard Pool-Jones. and an interloper from Oxford, Trevor Walsh.

Lomu prepares special day for youngsters

JONAH LOMU will be in Kent on Sunday morning taking a coaching session for the mini and junior sections at Thanet Wanderers RFC in Broadstairs. The club, which won the inaugural NPI Cup two seasons ago, discovered that Lomu would be in England for a formight and Lindsey Hawkins, daughter of Peter, the club secretary. tracked him down.

The All Black apparently jumped at the chance to spend some time with the youngsters and local sponsors were quick to offer financial assistance to help to raise money for the Naconal Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Lomu flies in on Saturday from the Seychelles, where he is a judge at the Miss World contest tomorrow. Peter Hawkins said: This will be the biggest day in the club's history. It is mar-vellous that he is taking the time and trouble to come."

Premature exit

At 2.45 pm on Saturday, two intrepid Italy supporters turned up at the Huddersfield Town FC ticket office asking for their money back for seats that they had bought just half an hour before. It was only when the couple entered the McAlpine Stadium and saw the teams kicking about that they realised they were a day early. Instead of watching their beloved rugby team play England, they were about to enjoy the de-lights of Huddersfield versus Bradford City in the Nation-wide League first division. An understanding ocket offic-er gave them a refund.

Well-fed Lions

If the unbeaten 1974 Lions thought that their tour was hard going, the 25th anniversary reunion next year promises to be even more demanding. It is being held in aid of The Wooden Spoon Society and is a five-day endurance test involving gala dinners in Edinburgh, Dublin, Cardiff and London and several golf tournaments all during the week beginning May 17. If you want to be involved and help to raise money for charity in the process, call The Wooden Spoon Society on 01227 772295.



Cash-strapped-

Things don't get easier for Will Carling. A jockstrap that once belooged to the fallen idol went under the hammer after the Welsh Varsity match between Cardiff and Swansea last week, but fetched only 16p. Students recently launched a spoof appeal to help Will, but so far only 26p has been forthcoming. On a serious note, the Cardiff-Swansea game raised more than £10,000 for Oxfam.

Banbury fare

The under-21 international between England and South Africa at Banbury RFC's new Bodicote Park ground next Tuesday rekindles memories of the last big game hosted by Banbury, 30 years ago to the day. It was an England trial, Whites v Colours, which featured Don Rutherford, now director of rugby at Twickenham. A newspaper report read: "D. Rutherford of Percy Park kicked and tackled well and was always looking for a way to start a movement." He went on to win 14 caps.

Hastings battle

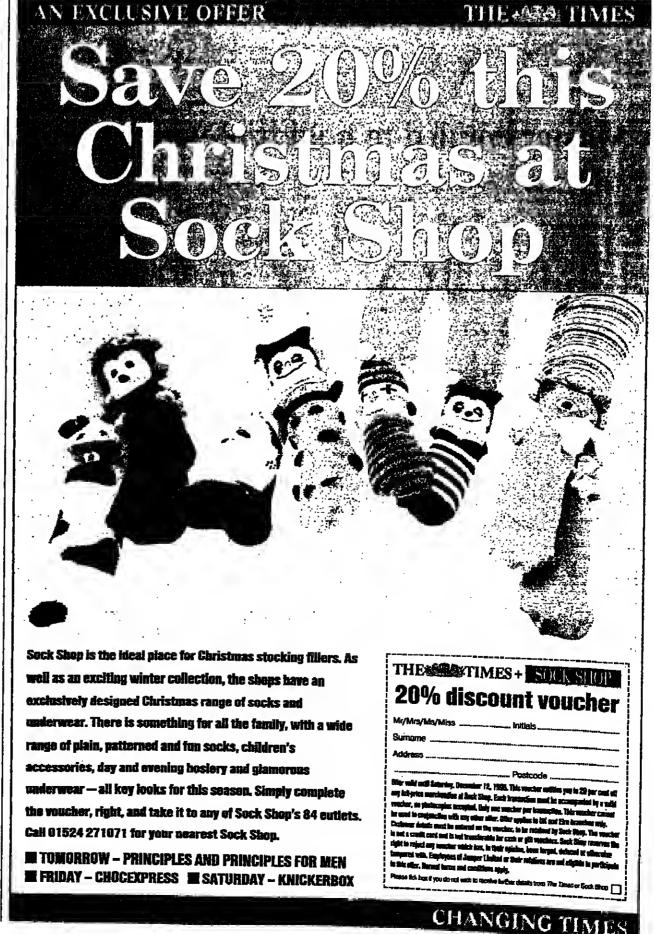
Gavin Hastings has finally laid to rest the ghost of New Zealand. The former Scot-land and Lions captain, who came so close to winning a series against the All Blacks in 1993, led a Classic Lions team to victory over the old enemy in the final of the World Clas sics tournament in Bermuda ten days ago. Hastings' team included J. P. R. Williams, Colin Deans, Steve Boyle and John O'Driscoll. "It was honestly ooe of the hardest but most satisfying games of my career," Hastings said.

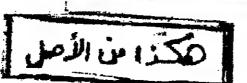
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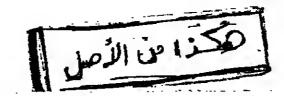
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MARK SOUSTER









Chris McGrath meets a young rider taking aim at the Hennessy

Durack plans Newbury fling

THE relatively late flowering of Kieren Fallon on the Flat has, to some degree, been uccommodated by its rather barren soit. There are deceni riders emerging, sure enough, but there has been none to make a really startling breakthrough since Frankie Dettori duelled with his contemporary, Jason Weaver.

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By contrast, National Hunt is nourishing a generation of rising stars in the slipstream their indefatigable young master, Tony McCoy. Second in the table at present is the out-standing Richard Johnson. while conditional jockeys to have ridden out their claim in recent weeks include Joe Tiz-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: RIO'S KING (I.20 Chepstow) Next best: Plumbob (2.00 Hexham)

zard and last season's champion amateur, Seamus Durack. Yet while it is hard not to be slightly unnerved by the pro-motion of Tizzard, just 15, to stable jockey with Paul Nicholls. Durack is mounting his challenge for the conditionals' otle with a sober sense of purpose characteristic of his relative maturity. Having first gone to college in his native Ireland, he made a later start than most and, at 23, matches a natural flair for horses with a no less common delermination not to squander it.

Like Tizzard, Durack has secured the support of an expanding stable — that of Sue and Harvey Smith in Yorkshire - and at Newbury on Saturday, they seek their big-gest success to date with The Last Fling in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. The name, rest assured, is more appropriate for the horse, whose jumping can be dicey, than his partner, paying such devoted attention to every step on his career

As an amateur, he sought



Durack is making rapid strides under the expert tutelage of Harvey Smith

out the tutelage of Yogi Breisner and has now found another horseman whose genius is not cramped into race-riding alone. "The lad's dedicated," Harvey Smith said as a damp mist gathered at Worcester yes-

terday. "He keeps improving and he also has an eye for the job. His aptitude is that he wants to do il - like a horse that wants to race. He makes things happen."

his talent as warmly as his un-assuming nature. The two most important things for a jockey are balance and confi-Durack has also sought the dence," he said. "Seamus is

very good in both respects and is getting better by the week. His technique over a fence is very good and, if he gets the right breaks, he'll go places." "It's amazing what you learn just listening to him," Durack says of Smith. "People pay to hear him speak after dinner, but I can hear him for

nothing over breakfast. Things that get you through a race smoothly — always be-ing positive going into a fence. for instance. At the same time, I'm learning to be more re-

He added: "Sometimes I've tried to get the style right, keep the back straight, only to look at the videos and see that I look better when I haven't strained. He has an unbelievable understanding of horses. He'd never use blinkers. Once I said a horse hadn't tried and he just went away, sorted him out, and the horse has won both his races since."

The Last Fling has not been immune to problems. The Smiths have always cherished confidence in his ability, but he has thus far thwarted their ambidons with his jumping. Winning at Wetherby in October, however, he put in a much better round ridden by Durack for the first time. But the leopard is not the only creature keen to hang onto his blemishes and he was back to his old ways at Sandown next

There were only four runners and, after jumping well early, he immed to the front and started really tanking into them," Durack said, "t wasn't able to pull him back onto his hocks and settle him in, but that shouldn't be a problem at Newbury."

So, thankfully, has Durack. He is still based in Lambourn and recently covered 2,500 miles in a fortnight. Lucky enough to be able to indulge in a fried breakfast and still ride at lost, however, he will never be gnawed by the torments that eventually consume so many of his colleagues - only by a passion to succeed.

Llewellyn profits in test of stamina

THE Severn seems to tire easily of its usual route through Worcester and the adjacent racecourse was only freed of floodwater a few days ago. Further rain ensured heavy going for yesterday's £20,000 Tote Placepot Birthday Worcester Novices' Chase — and a sufficient test of stamina for Ocean Hawk to retrieve a cause that had looked entirely hopeless in the back straight (Chris McGrath writes).

Lord Of The River, who would have been an appropriate winner, had beaten Ocean Hawk-over a shorter trip at Exeter three weeks ago and again jumped with aplomb in front. Two out, however, he gave Jamie Osborne another painful fall - which left the challenging Tiraldo in front and Ocean Hawk, going nowhere in fourth when the tempo first increased, suddenly forging his way irresistibly back into contention. Though Carl Llewellyn felt him begin to idle when clear at the last, he preserved a four-length advantage on the run-in.

His trainer's reaction superficially resembled a football manager who watches his cen-tre-forward score a hat-trick before deciding to play him in defence next week. "That'll be his last run over fences for a while," Nigel Twiston-Davies said, "He'll go back to burdles now, because he doesn't really have a cut at his fences. He's very correct, but on faster eround they're always going o beat him. We could always oring him back for something like the Scottish National, where the emphasis is more

on stamina than jumping." Llewellyn expressed a mischievous interest in Osborne's approach to the second last. Jamie was two off the rails, so I went up the inside, but then he headed straight for the wing," the jockey said, "I thought it a strange maneouvre at the time, but maybe justice was done when they fell. They're all right, luckily."

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Religancies had Country Gail 101 at 8-junior invites that a factor (2m 11 good). Countryman pulled up in constat burdle at Ascot (2m 4, good to still), promotely 5-1-1 and 12 to Jessica (2m 4) ascot (2m 4). good to still, promotely 5-1-1 and 12 to Jessica (2m 4) about (2m 110yd good to 500); periodely 301 and 0 8 in Pount in Lieu to nonce tendent charge at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd good to 500); periodely 301 and 0 8 in Pount in Lieu to nonce tendent charge at Pounted 12m 2, good to 500; periodely 301 and 0 8 in Pount in Lieu to nonce tendent charge charge (2m 4) and the Pounted 12m 2 good to 500; periodely 301 and 50 in 11 to Supreme Charge in more thindle at Ascot (2m 4), solid 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 4) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted 1 to 500 periode (2m 5) and the pounted DISTANT ECHO has run well to deleat his two chase start, and looks to have been found a good operant

1.20 KILLARMEY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£4,364: 2m 4t 110yd) (16 runners)



BETTRAG: 5-2 Irch Banker, 4-1 Brompostry, 6-1 Rio's lung, 10 1 Master Ractus. Winston Run, 12-1 Damp Course, 1997: STRONG TEL 7-11 O A P McCoy (5-1) M Pipe 16 nm

Browjoshy bear Rockelite Gosson 131 in 0-tumor marden hardle at however from the first form of the fir Bumper-race winner RIO'S KING was not extended to score on his hardles how and can follow a

1.50 donegal hurdle (intermediate race) (£6,775; 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1362-3 MONTE WALSH 177 (G) (D Johnson) 12 Page 4-11-7 ______ C Mande 9346-4 TOTO TOSCATTO (S) (66: H Clarke) D Micholson 4-11-7 ______ A Magainte 9757 113-2 F LASSHEP 1065-4ALES 1S (BF D.S) (A Brady) P Nischolts 4-11-1 _____ J Tizzard 1724 F-21 GALAPINO 21F (G) (Gleandale Parlinetchip Ltd) M Channen 5-10-12 _____ D Byrne 76 BETTING: 4-6 Flagship Liberalies, 4-) Tolo Toccato, 5-1 Monte Walsh, 7-1 Galagono.

1997; NO CORRESPONDING RACE, Morte Walsh 8 3 rol of 15 to Galant Mass to hardle at Auteuil (2m 2t, good). Toto Toescato 141 4to of 5 to Droce More For Lock in handleap burdle at Auteuil (2m 2t, good). Toto Toescato 141 4to of 5 to Droce More For Lock in handleap burdle at Letoester (2m, soh), provincely 41 6th of 7 to Maltouriệ in handle at Auteuil (2m 2t, good). Prograhip Uberalies 31 2nd of 5 to Zakrated in handle of Newbury (2m 10pd, pool of 2m), perionsky 34 3 dd of 5 to Zakrated in handle goale 1 at Parthestown (2m, heavy). Salapino best Majesty 141 in 12-runnes nowice handle at Forniveli (2m 2t 110yd, good); previously, 31 2nd of 11 to Davidski in nowice handle at Hetelord (2m 1t, good to flam).

FLAGSHIP UBERALLES, one of the top juvenile hundlers last sesson, cannot sensibly be opposed

2.20 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION HANDICAP CHASE (£5,095: 2m 3f 110yd) (5 iunners)

BETTING: 13-8 Nearly An Eye, 2-1 Millicroft Riversa, 3-1 Medison County, 8-1 Pennymoor Prince, 20-1 Red

Madison County 161 34 of 5 to Bible: The Kilbert to handicap chase at United to Madison County 161 34 of 5 to Bible: The Kilbert to handicap chase at United to the County of the County

2.50 49'S HANDICAP HURDLE [SHOWCASE RACE]

(£5,199: 3m) (8 runners) BETTINES: 3-1 Red Contex, 7-2 Firing Sunda, 4-1 Borazon, Royale Angela, 6-1 Cool Spring, 10-1 Newton Point, 12-1 Jet Roles, 25-1 Bankhead.

1997: NAME OF OUR FATHER 4-11-7 A Maguire (5-4 lav) P Bowen 9 ran

1997 NAME OF CUR FATHER 4-11-7 A MORPHE (3-4 KBY P ROMEN 3 had been a heart of the second of the seco BORAZON appeared not to got home last time and should do better at this shorter trip

3.25 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Division 1: £1,660: 2m 110yd) (14 nunners)



BETTING: 9-4 Kings Boy. 5-2 Star Ol Dungamon, 7-2 Cacibary, 8-1 Merry Pain, 10-1 Fresty Camyon, 16-1 Ardeni Oliver, 30-1 Country Buzzard, 25-1 others. 1997: RISH BANKER 6-11-11 A P McCoy (6-4) M Pipe 0 ran

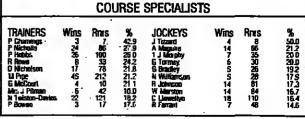
Actic Lord getting, bat Indian Source of 11 Feb. 25 to Procedure Profile in entional bant Bat tace at Chetherism (2m 110)d, good). Codibury 12 3 dd ol 11 to Native Arrow in exticut Lord getting, bat Indian to be useful impre Cadibara Haut. Rings Bay Ba My Native golding, bat Indian for to 3 who high purposes including Pressure Stared. Merry Path Alphabatam getding and of Smokey Path. Montes Magnet 25 So ol 12 to Small Privage in mational bank Bat accent Baydock (2m, sol)). Star Of Dungamen 15-1 2nd ol 24 to Indian Spring as national haut had a race at Assot (2m 110)rd, good). STAR OF DUNGAMMON, trained by Stan Melior to finish second in a useful bumper last learn, has strong claims

3.55 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW DPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Division 2: £1,660: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)



1997: KENTISH BARD 5-17-4 C Livershyn (11-2) N Gasoleo 6 ran

WINDROSS shared well on his racecourse how and can on one belies



BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hexham: 3.00 Phar Echo. Lingfield: 12.40 Chili Bouchier. 1.10 Pietra, Swing Job.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER 12.10 Daintree, 12.40 Quiet Arch, 1.10 Cottage Maid. 1.40 Helen's Stardust. 2.10 Raspberrry Sauce, 2.40 Pas De Memoires, 3,10 Topton, 3.40 Trojan Hero.

GOING, STANDARO DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.10 HAPPY 21ST BURTHDAY TOTE PLACEPOT

HANDICAP (Div I: £1,966: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

12.40 PRIVATE BOXES FOR THE DAY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,085: 1m 4f) (18)

4-1 Statelack, 5-1 Monument, 6-1 Quest Arch, 7-1 Failed 1o Hit, Erezzo Rulo, 10-1 Zi-dac, Mystagogue, 12-1 others

1.10 SPONSOR A RACE FOR A BIRTHDAY MAIDEN

STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,840, 1m) (12) 5-2 Philistelsc Lady S. I. Warn Mountain: 5-1 Moon River Wonder, 6-1 Collage Mad. Tricks, 12-1 Ballymous Boy, 16-1 Swing Job, 25-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Thornton, 9 withross from 32 numbers, 28 1%, Mrs M Reveloy, 3 hom 12, 25 0%, Sa M Prescott, 24 3 hom 12, 25 0%, Sa M Prescott, 24 bom 19, 20 0%, Sa M Prescott, 24 hom 19, 21 1%, Lord Humingdon, 46 hom 231, 19 3% JOCKEYS, M Scrwancks, 3 winces shorn ID rides, 30 0%, L Carbe, 3 horn 13, 23 1%, 1 Dettor, 75 horn 330, 22 7%, P Roberts, 9 from 46, 19 6%, D Mickoown, 25 horn 148, 16 9%, W Ryan, 37 horn 220, 16 8%, D Sweeney, 20 horn 134, 14,9%

☐ Gay Kelteway sent out her first winner from her new Lingfield Park base when First Master took the opening apprentice race at the Surrey track yesterday. She made it a 37-1 double when Smart Kid took division two of the claimer.

1.40 discounts for racing nursery HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,978: 6f) (14)

13 00302 ZOLA POWER 5 G L Moore 6-0 ______ J Foreing 13 14 000 VEGA NEUTRAL 12 P Stekespeore 7-10 _ L Newman (7) 14 1)-2 Barbolomew, 13-2 Landscan Lane, 7-1 Polly Milk, Statusett, 8-1 Seron Teg.

2.10 HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY TOTE PLACEPOT

HANDICAP (Div II: £1,956: 1m 2f) (14) 1 0003 BYZANTRIM 13 (V.S) Lod Humington 4-9-11 ... L Dettor 10 2 9840 RASFBERRY SAUCE 8 (CD.S) C Core 4-9-11 ... L Dettor 10 3 2003 RIGISA APRION 8 P Howing 3-9-5 ... Dettor 10 3 2003 RIGISA APRION 8 P Howing 3-9-5 ... Dettor 10 3 2003 RIGISA APRION 8 P Howing 3-9-5 ... Dettor 10 3 2005 RIGISA APRION 8 P Howing 3-9-5 ... Dettor 10 3 2005 PREMIUM PRINCESS 11 J J Ochm 3-9-5 ... Dettor 10 2005 PREMIUM PRINCESS 11 J J Ochm 3-9-5 ... Dettor 10 2005 RIGISA ARRIVER 20 (CD.F) G L Mator 5-9-4 ... Cardy Morts 12 7 1300 CRITICAL ARR 12 (G) A Mator 3-9-3 ... T Ashley 1 6 0026 WAASFF 111 Mes G A Mator 3-9-3 ... T Ashley 1 9 3004 LA LYUNESSE 30 J HIS 3-9-1 ... A Card 3 10 6500 MALF TRUE 58 P Meticel 4-9-12 ... L1 1cbor 6 11 2600 OLERN OF TIDES 35 9 Det 3-8-11 ... P Doe (5) 13 2-354 HOMESTEAD 274 (F.G) R Harron 4-9-10 ... R Smith (7) 4 13 -355 HARRYEY WHITE 4 (D.F.G.S.) J Prace 6-8-8 ... G. Smith (7) 4 14 (2-8 LIANDES 4-10) E 50 Mans 6-8-5 ... R Smith (7) 4 14 (2-8 LIANDES 4-10) E 50 Mans 6-8-5 ... R Smith (7) 5 Mator 5-11 ... L1 LIANDES 4-11 ... L1 LIANDES 5-11 .. 5-1 Muhandis, 6-1 La Lyonesse, 7-1 Byzaninam, Kings Anow, 8-1 Raspbetty Sauce, Adega Au, Hurwy White, 10-1 offices.

2.40 INSIDE TRACK RACING CLUB CLASSIFIED STAKES (£3,485.71) (12)

3-1 Last Reputation, 7-2 Smooth Salang, 6-1 Italian Symphony, 1-1 Usa Major, 8-1 Pos De Memores, 10-1 Term Oreits, Witchlinde, 14-7 othors.

3.10 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (QUALIFIER)

5-2 Be My Wish, 3-1 Live Academy, 4-1 Toplan, 7-1 The Fugative, 18-1 Sharp Imp. 14-1 Prince Zando 18-1 Hil Rhappody, 20-1 others.

3.40 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (QUALIFIER)

(Div II: £2,502: 7f) (12) [UN II: £2,5U.S. 7] (12)

1 0200 TROJAN HERO 23 (D,F.G) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-0
2 0005 RANIBOW RAIN 13 (CD,F) S Dow 4-9-13 — P Doe (5) 5
2 2544 DOBERMAN 13 (8F) 8 Meetan 3-9-11 — G Harmon (7) 12
4 5300 THE WYANDOTTE INN 53 (CD) R Hoopes 4-9-3
5 5606 DAYNABSE 13 (F,S.S) A McNas 3-8-9 — T Ashiey 11
6 0500 Z1VA 33 P Mahm J-8-8 — A Clark 7
7 4804 DARYABAD 12 (8,D,F.G.S) R McSim 6-8-6 — A McSione 3
8 0500 PLEN 6AZ 149 (C,S) R 0 Suffern 5-9-3 — J Lower 8
9 S200 CLONGE 30 (F,S) Français - 7-11 — J Lower 8
10 5425 PROSENT IN CORRECT 35 (P) J Bradey 5-7-10 — F Norton 2
11 5000 MOBLE WATER 36 (D,F) J Bradey 5-7-10 — G Bardwell 8
12 0030 PRESS AGAIN BJ P Hayward 6-7-10 — Declar O'She 9-? Rauthow Ram. 5-1 Doberman. 11-? Piesert in Conect, 6-1 Trojan Histo, 7-1 Brymshee, 8-1 The Wyandobe Ion. Darysbad. 12-2 others.

RACELINE 09066 168+ COMM CHEPSTOW 101 201 HEXHAM 102 202 UNGFIELD 103 203 120 220 into the millennium. "It's not a case of my don-

ning carpet slippers. I'll still ing with the horses."

records during his 30-year career, and saddled his 1.500th winner when Red Charger won at Redcar in May.

avuncular assistance of Gra-

ham Bradley, who endorses

GOING: HEAVY (SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

HEXHAM

1.00 BUCHANAN SMOOTH NOVICES CHASE (£3,234: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

106 5-PP SUL FOSSO 15 May S Smith 6-10-12 D Harding
107 P-00 WHATE THE SUZZ 19 May S Smith 7-10-12 R WARRING (6)
108 3555 HELM WIND 10 M Bares 5-10-7 S Toylor 109
109 3555 HELM WIND 10 M Bares 5-10-7 S Toylor 109
109 OPP MEADOMLECK 10 W Young 0-10-7 D McCormack (5)
110 OPP MEADOMLECK 10 W Young 0-10-7 S Supple 5-4 Stach The Cash, 7-2 Lagat Rujns, 4-1 Star Selection, 8-1 Common Sound, 10-1 Queens Rigade, 20-1 What's The Buzz, 25-1 Helm Wood, Just Hosh, 33-1 others.

1.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (£2,364: 2m) (10)

9-4 Roi De La Chesse, 3-1 To-Day To-Day, 9-2 Neverment Hey, 5-1 Ryakor, 7-1 Helmeley Füer, 20-1 Hardane, Sporing Jo. 25-1 others.

2.00 PRINCES TRUST VOLUNTEERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,064: 2m 4f 110yd) (13)

4-1 Sologith, 5-1 Radical Charae, 11-2 Manuca, 6-1 Prime Example, 8-1 Barbys Gause, Blasing Claus, 10-1 Plumbob, Little Tuska, 16-1 others.

THUNDERER 1.00 Stash The Cash. 1.30 Ryakux. 2.00 Radical Choice. 2.30 Wicklow Way. 3.00 The Snow Burn. 3.30 Elegant City.

5-2 Wickfow Way, 3-) Just Lizze, 4-1 Taresea, 9-2 Nuc Green, 7-1 Gaetic Probe, 10-1 Erry, 33-1 Amering Sart, 50-1 Robota.

2.30 FEDERATION BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE

3.00 JOHN EUSTACE SMITH TROPHY (NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE) (£3,425: 3m 1i) (12)

11-4 Snipe, 4-1 The Snew Barn, 0-2 Phar Ectho, 11-2 Bold Action, 7-1 Rubon Prince, 14-1 Kithby Bank, Mr Sloan, 16-1 others.

3.30 FEDERATION BREWERY MEDALLION LAGER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,333; 2m) (18)

EN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (21,333; 2m) (18)

1-1 LIPRO OF THE SKY 10 (D.S) Lissop 5:1-11 ... R Supple
14-PARAMACK RAY 10 (D.S) Mis Substant 6:11-11 Mr C Wilson
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16-PARAMACK RAY 10 (D.S) Mis Substant 6:11-1 ... F Leathy
16-PARAMACK RAY 10 PARAMACK RAY 14-1 ... F Leathy
16-PARAMACK RAY 14-1 ... F Leathy
16-PARAMACK RAY 14-1 ... F Leathy
16-PARAMACK RAY 14-1 ... B Graften (D.S)
16-PARAMACK RAY 16-PARAMACK RAY 14-1 ... B Graften (D.S)
16-PARAMACK RAY 14-PARAMACK RAY 14-1 ... RAY LYONE
18-PARAMACK RAY 14-PARAMACK RAY 14-1 ... RAY 14-PARAMACK RAY 14-PARAMACK RAY 14-1 ... RAY 14-PARAMACK RA

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: 7 Easterby, 4 witness horn 12 numers, 33 3%, J J Quann, 5 horn 16, 31.5%, 5 Kesterrell, 3 horn 10, 38.0%, J Goldie, 4 horn 15, 26 7%; L Largo, 25 horn 94, 26 6%, i Park, 5 horn 13, 22.1%, P Montelsh 10 horn 45, 22.2%, Mess L Soddell, 3 horn 15, 29.0%, P Beaumont, 10 horn 59, 16.9%, 1 late, 3 horn 23, 13 0% ADCREYS: I. Wyer. 9 etents from 48 rides, 18 8%, R Wildercon, 4 horn 26, 15.6%, J Callupton, 10 horn 58, 14.7%, R Guest, 13 horn 01, 14.3%, F Lealy, 5 horn 36, 13.9%, R Sarethy, 11 horn 87, 12.6%, R Supple, 10 horn 88, 11.4%, I O'Hara, 5 horn 48, 10.4%, B Brattert, 3 horn 29, 10.3%, A S Smith, 5 horn 50, 10 8%.

Lingfield

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Worcester

Going: heavy
1.00 (2m hole) 1. SIREN SONG (R Durwoody, 1-3 tay); 2. Smert Boy (T Janks, 9-2);
3. Go-omyson (N Wikarson, 19-11 ALSO
RAN 16-1 Johdaner (4th), 16 Smole Ideals,
40 Vernez (8th), 66 Lord Fradenck (5th), 7
en 9; 3, 10, 6f, det C Marri at Lambourn
10te, 11.30, £1.10, £1.50 DF (2/20 CSF 22:40
1.35 (2m 4) 110 yd ch) 1. RICH TYCOON (M
Childre, 8-1), 2. Minedla Derby (J Tezard,
9-4 lay, 3. River Gels (T Descontce, 33-1)
ALSO RAN-7-2 Pin Morry, 11 Carch Head
(5th, 13 Golden Film, 8 Lychard's Fable
Hith, 7 ran, NR Crackery Prospect, 11, 20, 54,
day P Roth at Uss, 10n-6 66 (ft, 21 10, 52.20,
DF £17.91 CSF '£21 75 Tezart 5427.81 DF E17-90 CSP E27 75 Treast SAZ7 81
2.18 (2m II 10)x3 ch) 1, OCEAN HAWK (C. Lewelyn, 100-30, Tameloeges's top railegg, 2. Tireldo (R.Jurrson, 7-2), 3, Ferfadet V (C. Mazot, 4-1) ALSO RAN 5-2 (aw Lord Of The Rest (left, 8. Son of Anshan (4th), 14 Audert Scout, 33 Zagoy Lane (felt, 7 rsn. 4, 64), 6; N. Twiston-Loves at Chellenham, Toe £4.20, £2.10, £3.00 DF £15.90 CSP £14.47

C14 47
2.45 (2m 41 hdie) 1. BADGE OF FAME (N Witchman, 11-8 law), 2. Deymier (R Durwoody, 6-41, 3. Amitige (R Juhnson, 8-1) ALSO RAN 9-1 Alegation (4th, 40 Witchman) Ober, 5 ran 41, 4. 4. N Balley al Upper Lamboum Tele 1200, 11.10, 51 30 DF 12.30. CSF 12.51 CSF-12 S1
3.20 (2m 7: 110yd ctr) 1. MOURTAIN PATH
M A Frogresid, B-1): 2. Soots Medden (N
Witsmoon, 9.2 text): 3. Soots Medden (N
Witsmoon, 9.2 text): 3. Soots Demage Li Tezard, 12-1; ALSO RAN 5-1 S-ymourowit
(Sh), 11 Majors Leyacy, 6 King of The Busen, 7 Mr Magyrer (Shi, Soothe May, 12 Fapjack Lad (4th), 25 Lottery Total, 40 Full of
Bounce, 50 Alto George 12 zen, NR, Manor
Meo 8, 3-4, 16 deg N Henderson of Lambourn Total (78, 52, 50, cast C40105
3.55 (3m hd/e) 1, TRUE MISSION (R John-son, 14-11, 2, Pennyahel (X Alzpuru, 12-11, 3, Late Encounter (M A Pittoparid, 14-1), ALSO RAN, 8-11 (av Condrobor (4th), 13

Whisting Rufus (5th), 7 Bearys Crocs (6th), 20 Cosy Ride, Welburn Boy, 66 Phrobe The Freebee 9 rm. NR Mighty Phanton, Ten of Distractic. 3: 101, 231, 341, 221 H Dayl at Lud-low Tote £1860, £3.20, £1 10, £2 00. DF £41,00 CSF £141.65

Jackpot: £21,605,70 - part won (pool of £26,709.05 cerried forward to Hexham to-tary). Piacapot: £258.50. Quadpot: £49.80. Market Rasen

Going: heavy 12-20 (2m Si 110yd hdle) 1, Sateel (Mr R Forristal, 9-4), 2, Foreshore Man (7-2), 3, Ne-hve Buck, 1td-11, Amer Riyer (Sity 6-4 lev 10 ren 2-4, 4 lurs 1, Wacham, 10wr 22,80, 21 70, 01 50, 52 60, 62 62, 65 5 Et 70, 21 50, 22 80, DF: 96 20 CSF 9385
12.50 (2m 31 10yd hdle) 1, Straffan Gold
(P. Niven, 3-1 lav), 2, Balmoral Princess
(6-1), 3, Round Rober (7-2) 10 (an 33), 26
Ms M. Revoley Toto: 98,80 25-50, 62 10,
21 30 DF. E30 10 CSF 223,18 Treast
1255 (2m 11 110yd ch) 1, Cantaux Express
(A Thorriton, 4-6 lav); 2, Brya (7-1), 3, Rupples (20-1) 4 ran NR: Smolensk 31, dist. A
Streeter. Tote 91 60. DF 91 40. CSF
23 48

C4 96 2,00 c/m 5l 110yd hdlej 1. Jamelcan Flight (R Farant, 5-1), 2. Globe Runner (7-2) Heyr, 3. Joe Buzz (5-1). Sider Rose (7-2) fev 7 ren -4l, 15l Mrs S Lamyman Tote, 05.50; 03.10, 02.40 DF 05.80, CSF 020 09 220 09
2.35 (3m 11 ch) 1. Hopeful Lord (A Magure, 2-1 law), 2. The Tick-Tack Man 110-1), 3. Polo Porv (8-1) 11 ran NR Tommy Cooper, 1-14, 11 4) Official Tole 25.0, 21.40, 22.70, 12.30 DF 231.80 CSF 221.05 Thouset 124.20 DF 231.80 CSF 221.05 Thouset 124.20 DF 231.80 Per 231.05 Thouset 124.20 Lets Be Funk (11-8 low) 7 ran, NR B The One, Foundry Larw, Proc Smoother 171, 31-1 C Egenton Tole, 23.30, 21.90, 22.00 DF, 27.80 CSF-211.25

3.40 (2m 11 110yd hdle) 1. Mr Busby (P Nwen, 4-6 tay), 2. Ausse Bob (25-1), 3. Sumo (8-1), 11 ran 2l, 5l Mrs M Reveley Tota. Placepol: £327.80. Quadpot: £27.00

£1 80, £1 00, £3.60, £2 60 DF. £14 60. CSF £26 62 Placepot: £78.70. Quedpot: £21.20. Going: standard 11.40 ptm 20 1, First Master (P Fredericks, 5-1), Z Farrious (20-1), 3, Rayik (10-1). Benk On Ham (5d) 5-2 tav. 11 ran 14, 11 Mass Gey Kelleway Tote: 05-90, 02-90, 02-40, E4 10. DF: 02-00. CSF 018-44 To-

12.10 [1m] 1. Speedy Classic (A Clark, 13-8 lav), 2. Siert Pride 133-11, 3, Benter Ridge (11-1) 11 ran NR: Dett. 22 ris. M Heaton-Eris Tote. 22:50, £1 50, £17:50, £2:50 DF £38.00. CSF £58.22 12.40 (1m) 1. Smart Kld (W Ryan, 9-2); 2. Super Sant (25-1), 3. Soalong (11-2) Zimiri (5h) 11-4 tav. 12 ran. 41, 21 Mess Gay Kelleway, Tote C8 60, 23 10, 516 60, 51 60. DF: 5144 80 CSF. £108.50 1.10 (71) 1, Tapage (R Hughes, 6-1), 2, Buo-na Sers, (5-1), 3, Relate Back (6-2) My Less (5h) 7-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Renotiza, 11, 71 Dec-len Gliespie Tote: C13 10; 23 50, 1220. C150 DF: C31 80. CSF; 546.17 S1 50 DF: 531 80. CSF; 546.17

1.45 (5h) 1, Souland (A Cultume, 5-1), 2, Shafe (5h), 3, Mass Benarus (20-1). Niculein Lad (5h), 3-1 fav. 10 ran, 2, 21, O Chapman Tole: 68 40; 22-40, 51 60; 5550 DF: 53-40

CSF: 524 77 Tincast: 5280.44

2.20 (6h) 1, Anôte (G Duffield, 6-4 fav.), 2, Mass (7-2), 3, Social Round (9-2) 9 ran 61. 16 Wrango Tole: 52 60; 51 60; 51 30; 51 10 DF: 55 10; 55 62 79

2.55 (im) 1, The Green Grey (A Clark, 7-4 fav); 2, Ardert (14-1); 3, Baroisson (12-1), 12 ran 11, 31 Demok Moms, Tole: 52 90; 51 40; 52 00; 53 00 DF: 520 10 CSF: 528 17. The Gast 5222.296

3.30 (im) 1, William (M Tebbud, 6-1); 2, Conformer 112-1); 3, Comeoutofitislog (11-1), Best Quest (5th) 4-1 fav. 12 ran 1, ok. J. Hotheston Tole: 55.30, C3 10, 52 70, 52 00 DF: 552.00 CSF: 574.45 Tincast 5734.84

Placepol: 5327.60. Quadipot: 527.00

Berry to hand over reins

JACK BERRY is to hand his trainer's licence over to his son. Alan, at the end of next seasnn. Berry. 61, who trains at Moss Side Stables. Cockerham, said yesterday; "Ill continue to run the yard next year, but Alan will take us

be buying yearlings and help-Berry, who saddled a treble at Royal Ascot in June, has broken several training

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Reprieve by rain cannot mask longstanding deficiencies of Stewart's team

Familiar failings haunt England

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE (final day of five): Australia drew with England

TT WAS clear by lunchtime yesterday that England would require either tenacious batting or torrential rain if the first Test match was to be saved. In the absence of the former, the spectacular storm that turned the Gabba into a lake was a godsend to a team that had drifted dangerously back into bad habits.

After so much work, so many advances. England had flirted with self-destruction like a reformed alcoholic lurking in a pub doorway. They scarcely deserved salvation, so great was Australia's command of the closing stages. but, in such circumstances, the reprieve will seem almost like

When play was suspended in fast-fading light, 20 minutes before tea, England were 179 for six. Fanciful notions of achieving the target of 348 had long since been banished and only the tailenders, whose ineptitude on Monday had cre-

Call to arms for Cork

A SECTION of Derbyshire supporters is meeting next week amid continuing uncertainty over the future of Dominic Cork as club captain (Richard Hobson writes).

Before leaving for Australia with England, Cork said that he was prepared to resign, after just one seasoo in charge, over perceived interference from Harold Rhodes, a committee member, and Andy Hayhurst, the director of coaching and development.

David Griffin, the organiser of the meeting, which a number of capped players are expected to attend, believes that a failure to appease Cork will provoke further division.

ated the needless drama, stood between Australia and a sixth consecutive Brisbane victory. It was a forlorn hope.

The storm that struck half an hour later was so intense that abandonment was inevitable, Alec Stewart, the England captain, said: "It's the first time in the 82 Tests I've played that rain might have saved England." He could safely have left out the "might".

It can be argued that fifthday rain has cost England two possible wins this calendar year, in Barbados and at Edgbaston, so the injustice needs no apology. However, England must learn fast from the lessons of the Gabba, for, if they repeat the periodical soft-pedalling in evidence here, sooner or later they will be punished by the relentless Australians.

Stewart reckoned that his side played "one-and-a-half days of good cricket" and he knew it was not enough. There is still moom for improvement," he admitted. Unless it comes quickly, unless England eliminate the casual.

careless and cavalier aspects of their game, they can forget the Ashes now.

Three missed chances in the field on the first evening and an abject collapse on the fourth morning was all that it took to open a door to defeat that should have remained firmly bolted. For much of this game, England played solid, competitive cricket, but their inability to sustain it over five days remains infuriating.

Their decline yesterday revived another old sore, for English batsmen are still exposed far too often by wristspin. Stuart MacGill has none of the control of Shane Warne, but, on a wearing pitch, he was good enough to embarrass three of the top order and he might easily have finished with six or seven wickets if the weather had permitted.

That he did not saved the Australian selectors some awkward explanations, as they had already agreed that he would be left out of the squad for the second Test, starting in Perth on Saturday. Colin Miller, the Tasmania all-rounder, is certain to play.

MacGill's exclusion is not personally judgmental, mere-ly a reflection of the anticipated conditions. Perth has the quickest Test pitch in the world and Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, pointed out: "Even at the height of his career, Warne couldn't do so well there."

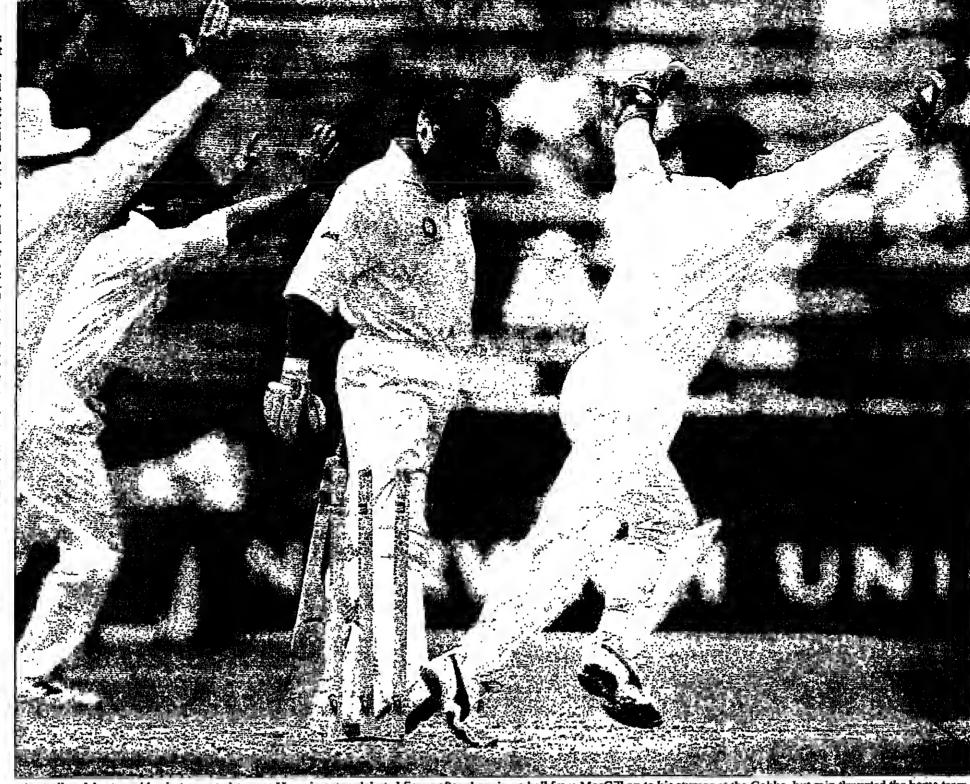
Nevetheless, Stewart's face betrayed surprise when he was told of the change and relief may have been only just beneath the surface. Of all the senior England batsmen, Stewart's technique against spin is the most wooden and vulnerable; he, for one, will relish the page of Perth. In the view of Stewart and

the team management. England needed to bat positively when play began yesterday. This was sound thinking, as excessive restraint on such a day is invariably self-defeating, but the debonair hook that cost Michael Atherton his prized wicket was not quite what they had in mind.

It is not the first time that Atherton has been out hooking against Glenn McGrath and the tactic was transparent - a sucker punch. Atherton's blood was up, after scoring nine runs from pulls in McGrath's first over, but he repeated the shot to a ball too wide of off stump and scooped it to Fleming at fine leg. With their best blocker

gone. England now needed to reach lunch without further casualties and they came within four overs of achieving it. Butcher and Hussain added 50, largely with poise, but MacGill had been flashing warning signals. Turning the ball lavishly, after an expen-sive opening over, he had Hussain missed at slip by a partially unsighted Taylor, then spun a leg-break sharply into Butch-

from Darrell Hair. Hussain had been treating the part-time off-breaks of Mark Waugh with disdain. twice depositing him into the



Australia celebrate and begin to scent victory as Hussain cuts a dejected figure after chopping a ball from MacGill on to his stumps at the Gabba, but rain thwarted the home team

stand for straight sixes, but Stewart completed a poor personal match with another tame dismissal, prodding stiffly forward and giving a catch to silly point.

An hour into the afternoon session, with Thorpe and Hus-sain also out, England were at the mercy of the weather. Thorpe turned an innocuous ball from Waugh into the midriff of short leg and Hussain, failing to pick MacGill's googly, gloved the ball into his stumps as he aimed to cut.

Taylor strutted, clapped and waved busily. He looked like a captain who felt the master of his destiny, but the storm clouds were gathering, light-ning forks were dancing on the horizon and the groundstaff had donned their tell-tale oilskins. "I always thought we were in trouble," Taylor said.

The rain approached with agonising stealth. When Ramprakash was lured down the pitch by MacGill and stumped by an undignified distance.

the light had deteriorated and Taylor had to withdraw McGrath from the attack very reluctantly, with Dominic Cork at the crease.

Twice, the umpires conferred at length before deciding play should proceed. Up on the suburban front lawn that passes for a "Hill" on this ground nowadays, England's more vocal supporters cheered every clap of thunder, while, in the middle, Cork and Croft performed every facial contortion to make their views of the

Once the decision to go off had been made, there was never any prospect of returning. The rain, when it came, was dramatic and the ground was under water within minutes. Taylor, as ever, remained gracious, though perhaps just a lit-tle too fair. England are resilient now," he said. "They are certainly not throwing games away." A harsher judgment would conclude that they tried pretty hard.

COMPLETE SCOREBOARD FROM FIRST TEST IN BRISBANE

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

(55min, 43 balls)

M E Wangh c Stewart b Mullafly., 31
(65min, 50 bells, 3 lours)

S R Wangh c Stewart b Mullafly, 112
(320min 232 balls 13 tours) S H Waugh c Stowart D Mulially, 112 (330min, 232 bals, 13 fours) R T Ponting c Butcher b Cork....... 21 (93min, 61 bals, 1 (our) † I A Heaty c Muliatry b Fraser... 134 (302min, 229 balls, 14 fours)

M S Kesprowicz c Stowart b Mullatin

Extras (lb 14, w 1, nb 6). Total (158 overs, 657mln)...

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People think it is the sign of

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Zambia by giving them that

Paddington Bear has given

literary form to the fast bowl-

er's glare. He was taught by

his Aunt Lucy in darkest Peru

to perform the Extremely

Hard Stare. The most memo-

rable passage of play in any

sport last summer was the duel between Allan Donald

and Michael Atherion. It

matched Paddington stare

Donald stared in challenge.

Atherton stared back in mild

utterly insolent negation. Tele-

against Paddington stare

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ENGLAND: First Innings

c M E Waugh b McGrath

(2min, 1 ball) A R C Fraser

Total (128.2 overs, 512mln)... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Buscher 7), 2-145 (Butcher 77), 3-168 (Butcher 92), 4-240 (Thorpe 42), 5-315 (Ramprakash 36), 6-319 (Ramprakash 40), 7-360 BOWLING: McGrath 34.2-11-85-6;

AUSTRALIA: Second Innings

(12min, 5 balls)
J L Langer c Mullelly b Croft...
(202min, 149 balls, 6 lours)

M E Waugh not out... (77mm, 54 balls, 1 lour) S R Waugh not out. (52mm, 31 balls, 1 four) Extras (5 1, to 1, no 5)......

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M A Butcher fow b MacGill.... (139min, 98 balls, 4 lours)

c Ponting b M E Waug (9mln, 8 balls) G P Thorpe c Langer b M E Waugh

Extras (b 3, w 1, nb 9). Total (6 wkts, 68 overs, 256min) 179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46 (Butcher 15), 2-96 (Hussein 24), 3-103 (Hussein 26), 4-133 (Hussein 44), 5-148 (Ramprakash 11), 6-161 (Cork 10). 11), 6-161 (Cork 10).

BOWLING: McGrath 16-6-30-1 (4 fours; 12-5-23-1, 3-1-5-0, 1-0-2-0);
Kesprovicz 8-3-28-0 (w 1; 2 fours; 3-0-19-0, 5-3-0); Fleming 7-2-12-0 (nb 2.1 four; one spell); MacGill 22-4-51-3 (4 fours, one spell); M E William 14-0-55-2 (nb 7; 2 stess, 2 fours; 4-0-22-1, 5-0-15-1, 5-0-18-0); Ponting 1-1-0-0

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SCORING NOTES: Fifth Day: Lunch: 108-3 (39 overs, 155mm; Hussain 28, Thorpe 0). Bad light stopped play at 2.20pm. Tea: 178-5 (69 overs, 256mm; Cork 21, Cord 4). Elevatic storm enrived at 3.13pm - ground flooded by 3.20pm. Play shandoned at 4.28pm. Match Award: G D McGrath. Unopines: K T Francis (Sri Lanka) and 0 B Halt. Third unopire: P O Parker. Match referee: J R Red...

Overdue gift of the Gabba

n a sense, justice was done at the Gabba yesterday, not because Eng-land's cricket had merited their saving the first Test match, but because only a bled them to do so. On both their first two tours here after the Second World War, when the pitches were still uncovered, something similar con-demned them to batting on a sticky dog, which led, each time, to unavoidable defeat. Now it meant instant deliverance - and thank goodness it

Had England been beaten here, as they almost certainly would have been but for the rain, it would have taken the optimist of all optimists to see them recovering the Ashes. The same was said after the England side captained by Len Hutton had lost the first Test match on the same ground in 1954-55, and they went on to achieve great things.

Yet Stewart's bowling attack does oot compare with the one that Hutton had at his disposal. Mulially and Gough are not Statham and Tyson: Cork is no Bailey: and Wardle and Appleyard were in a different class to Croft and Such. In a wonderful and extraordinary turnabout. England won the next three Test matches 44 years ago, as likely an event now as Sydney's Opera House toppling into the har-

So England go to Perth chastened but still level As John Woodcock suggests that England

were owed a favour by the elements

was generally expected, most Australia. They were the more confident and conspicuously the more disciplined side. England's lack of discipline landed them in more trouble than

The way that England threw their wickets away on Monday morning was contrary to all the good resolutions of the past few weeks. For some inexcusable reason, they became complacent, or so it seemed. After doing well on Sunday, it was as though they had deluded themselves into thinking that Australia. without Warne, were no more than the shadow of a formidable side. if so, they made a grave error.

McGrath alone gives the Australia attack an edge that England's lacks. His strike rate of a wicket every 53 balls in Test cricket is better than Lindwall's and only fractionally worse than Lillee's and Thomson's - and better by ten runs a wicket than that of Warne, McGrath may not be especially fast, but he is tall, antagonistic, accurate and he moves the ball around. He is forever niggling and nagging away, wishing only ill upon the batsman. For Cork and Mulially to try and hook him as and when they did in the England first innings, was

It is true of course that Australia miss Warne. They would probably have won yesterday had he been fit and in form. Warne relishes the Gabba. Watching him there when he was in possession of his full bag of tricks. I thought his bowling was the most difficult to play of any I had ever

seen, or at any rate the bowi-

ing to be most easily and

acutely embarrassed by. Mercifully. MacGill, if not quite a journeyman by comparison, is no Warne. Years ago. every State side in Australia used to have a MacGill, sometimes two. He spun his leg breaks yesterday and got some to bounce, but he showed no more than a modest googly and lacked the fine control that would have put England under pressure.

e bothered them because of the wearing pitch and the gathering tension, but he sent down enough loose balls to offer regular respite. He would have won the game eventually, I expect, but, had Warne been there, the storm could well

have been incidental. England are sure to be tempted to play a seventh batsman in Perth. Cork is too erratic to bat at No7 and, although Croft is a bonny fighter, the tail at Brisbane was awfully long. The fact that Crawley made good runs in Perth earlier this month adds to the attraction of chang ing the balance of the side and the only wickets Croft looks like taking are when batsmen are chancing their arm. t would plump for quicker bowlers and the off breaks of Ramprakash. which should not be disregarded, in Perth, where speed is invariably the

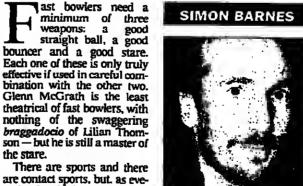
There is no reason why Ramprakash, given the right encouragement, should oot one day become an influential bowler, much in the way that Carl Hooper has become for West Indies.

There were one or two good things about the England performance in Brisbane, first among them being the batting of Butcher. What a priceless asset an imperturbable temperament is. Hussain made a useful start and Mullally's five first-innings wickets were

The pitch was an eminently fair one on which to start a series: there were very few dulls moments, though many noisy ones. Even worse than the mindless chanting of the Barmy Army was the almost ceaseless cacophony from the building site along something like 80 yards of the boundary.

It was exactly as though Australia had been asked to play a Test match at Lord's when the grandstand was under construction - and t know what they would have

Staring victory in the face



Midweek View

vision caught the exchanges to perfection. Atherton, with his small, V-shaped smile, won the stare. After that, it was game, set and match.

McGrath managed a belter of a smile in this match, perhaps the best moment of the match for students of the Paddington Bear method. He sent in a pleasing little bouncer to Dominic Cork in the first innings and hit him. A smile of utter delight illuminated his face. Cork vengefully tried to hook him, but he had been goaded into over-reaching himself. He had been stared out, smiled out, psyched out.

The thing about a good stare is that it lasts. It can go on, innings after innings, sometimes even series after series. McGrath gets Atherton out all the time and he keeps saying so. Each additional stare reinforces that. Atherton vengefully tried to hook him in the second innings, succeeded a couple of times, but, in the end, he was goaded into over-reaching

Cricket, being a theatrical game, is a serious eve-contact sport. Rugby union, being a game of mayhem, is not, but it has its own moment of truth in the first set scrum of a big match, when the three chief head-butters in each side link arms and give Aunt Lucy's best. Football is a game full of small confrontations and little vendettas - I believe Stanley Collymore knows something about that - but, for the most part, eye-contact is avoided, save when the ball is dead.

The exception is the penalty, a small drama that replicates the bowler-and batsman situation. We see the crucial effect of eye-contact best in penalty shoot-outs. Some penalty-takers are clearly beaten before they have began to run-up. Bruce Grobbelaar's notorious knee-trembler, his pantomime of terror as he prepared for the penalty shoot-out in the 1984 European Cup final, is a classic example.

Tennis has an element of cye-contact in the pre-serving ritual. There is scope for more of the same when the players change ends: mostly, the op-portunity is avoided. There were all kinds of kerfuffle when Venus Williams added a shove to her killer glance routine. The 100 metres sprint, especially the big finals, is all about staring, but the competi-

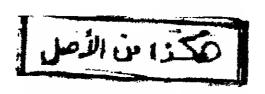
tors do not stare at each other. Linford Christie was the absolute master of the pre-race stare. He made everyone look at him while acting as if no-body else existed. This is perhaps the most wounding use of glance, denying your oppo-nent not his dreams of domi-

nance, but his entire existence. The combat sports are all about eye-contact, naturally. Some of the best glaring in the world happens in sumo wrestling. Bouts are decided not by grappling, but by crouching, salt-scattering and Padding-ton-Bearing — but if you want to see something that would make Aunt Lucy quail, watch women's judo from matside.

he stare that wins is not the one that seeks dominance. It is not the look that boasts and struts and preens. It is the stare that is full not of challenge, but of certainty, that destroys. Let's take in Moonraker. "Morphy, the great chess player ... would never raise his eyes from the game until he knew his opponent could not escape defeat. Then he would lift his great head and gaze curiously at the man across the board. His opponent would feel the gaze and would slowly, humbly raise his eyes to meet Morphy's. At that moment he would know it

was no good continuing. The eyes of Morphy said so. There was nothing left but surrender.

'Now, like Morphy, Bond lifted his head . . ."





TENNIS

Henman eases past Rios with stirring display

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN HANOVER

TIM HENMAN forged an outstanding start to the ATP Tour world championship last night with a convincing defeat of Marcelo Rios, the world No 2, in straight sets. It was a comprehensive triumph for Hen-man, who did not need his best form to topple the temperamental Chilean.

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Although Rios finished the contest with a large crowd jeer-ing his efforts. Henman deserves immense credit for the way he seized the opening set. That proved to be the key to the match, Rios's head dropping once Henman held firm in a pivotal service game at 1-1 in the second set. That game offered Rios his

sole break point of an errorstrewn contest, yet Henman chose the moment to unleash his hest tennis. He repelled the crisis with a drop-volley of exquisite touch before rounding on his opponent in the next game. A cross-court backhand pass threatened Rios before another clean winner, this time a forehand drive, rocked Rios beyond redemption. The 7-5, 6-1 verdict could easily have been

more emphatic. Henman kept himself in the first set solely on account of his penetrating first service. All the hard work, involving considerable tribulations during his winter slump, paid off handsomely as the Briton kept Rios guessing with the angle of his delivery. That shot, added to Rios's unusual profligacy off the ground, kept Henman

alive to 6-5. Then Rios, so secure on serve until then, punctured like a balloon encountering barbed wire. He was broken to love, enabling Henman to enjoy a day of rest today with the luxury of a winning slan. A place in the semi-finals now appears to be well within his reach.

Pete Sampras conjured a champion's performance to impose his considerable presence on the event when he routed Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the opening match of the tourna-ment. Sampras responded to the threat to his annual superiority with one of his trademark displays, especially in the first set. He first demoralised Kafelnikov with some blistering serving, then dealt abruptly with the Russian's second-set revival before it could gain any kind of momen-

It was all too much for Kafelnikov, who abetted his own demise with a mixture of footfaults, double-faults and unforced errors mostly born from the pressure of trying to contain the arch-executioner. A window of opportunity opened when the Russian retrieved a service break in the second set to draw level at 3-3, only for Sampras to slam il

shut by seizing the Kafelnikov serve in the next game. Sampras triumphed 6-2, 6-4 in just 66 minutes. He was electric in every facet, his movement plainly sharpened by a 13-day rest. "You can't play



Movà's triumph over Kucera was his first indoors this year

like t played in the first set every day," Sampras said.
"Things only click like that every now and again." The difference is that Sampras makes things click when he needs it most, hence his monopoly of

the world No I ranking. Even more telling of the mood uf Sampras was Kafelnikov's post-match reaction. Rather than bleed to death Kafelnikov merely shrugged his shoulders and braced himself for the week ahead. It was almost as though he expected his drubbing by the man who was equally mercenary when beating the Russian in the final here 12 months earlier. "It is not an ideal start,"

Kafelnikov said, "but I am confident I will win my next two games (in the round-robin series]. I feel almost sure that I am going to play Sampras again in the final. He was sharp last year, but I think he will get tired towards the end of the tournament this time."

ti may represent a foriorn hope. "I am fresh in the legs." Sampras said, "I am focused. The lother guys know that and it showed in the way I played the first set." It is absurd that Sampras.

who will rewrite the record book if he can suppress Rios's bid to supplant him as the world No 1, embarks on the final leg of his quest with virtually no American journalist on site to chart his progress. Should he succeed, he will have established a six-year stretch of dominance that may never be surpassed.

Sampras's winning start in the red group was later matched by Carlos Moya, albeit in vastly different circumstances. The Spaniard prevailed in a draining encounter with Karol Kucera, of Slova-kia, to record his first indoor victory of 1998. Movà's 6-7, 7-5, 6-3 verdict was gained in nearly 24 hours, by which time Sampras, who plays Moya today, had long since returned to his hotel, Order of PLAY: A Agassi (US) v A Cor-leja (Sp), P Sampras (US) v C Moya (Sp), K Kuczera (Slovakia) v Y KafehAov (Russ)



SNOOKER

Doherty falls to practice partner

By PHIL YATES

BY HtS own admission, Ken Doherty suffered the worst collapse of his career when Fergal O'Brien, a fellow Irish-man and good friend, rallied to defeat him 9-7 for a quarterfinal place in the Liverpool-Victoria United Kingdom championship at Bourne-mouth yesterday. "It's a terrible loss." Doher-

ty said. "I don't think I can ever remember losing a match from such a commanding po-sition. It'lt take some time for me to get over this."

O'Brien, who compensates for a shortage of natural flair with an abundance of fighting spirit, had prevailed in two of their four previous meetings, but Doherty, when he led 7-3, could not have envisaged losing to his Ireland World Cup team-mate again.
The highlight of O'Brien's

six-frame wirming sequence was a 130 total clearance, but he had already planted seeds of doubt in Doherty's mind by stealing the eleventh frame on the pink and the twelfth on the blue.

"After that, Fergal got stronger, while I got weaker," Doherty, the world champion last year, said. "It's not always easy playing someone who you practise with on a regular basis but that didn't have any bearing on the result. Friend-

ship goes out of the window." Doherty returns home to Dubtin before travelling to the Mediterranean next week for the defence of his Rothmans Malta Grand Prix title.

O'Brien's success guaranlees that the finalist from the top half of the draw will oot be one of the top 16 in the world rankings.

John Higgins, with two comfortable wins already under his belt, again avoided the problems being encountered by most of the game's leading players during a 9-4 victory over Terry Murphy.

"I feel great inside, as good as I've done in ages," Higgins said after securing a quarterfinal against John Parrott. "In fact. I feel more confident than I did when I won the world championship. Then, there were a few doubts about my form: now, there are none."

SPORT

Pessoa will compete at Olympia

EQUESTRIANISM: Rodrigo Pessoa, of Brazil. who. in October, became the unly rider to win both the world championships and the world Cup in the same year. will compete at the Olympia International Show Jumping championships in London from December 17 to 21. Pessoa heads the 22-strong field of foreign riders that also includes all four members of Germany's gold medal-winning team at the world championships last month. The British entry is led by the four bronze medal-winning riders in Rome - Di Lampard, Geoff Billington, John Whitaker and Nick Skelton. CRICKET: Two counties

boosted their left-arm spin departments yesterday as Richard Stemp, the former England A bowler, agreed to join Nottinghamshire while Umer Rashid rejected the offer of a new contract at Middlesex to switch allegiance to Sussex. Stemp. 30, was released by Yorkshire at the end of last season while Rashid. 22, found opportunities limited at Lord's.

BOWLS: David Corkill, of Ireland, who lost to David Bryant in the final nine years ago, was first on and quickly off again at Poners Leisure Resort in Norfolk yesterday. when the United Kingdom indoor singles championship was revived by the British Isles Indoor Bowling Associacion. Corkill beat Mark Anstey, the Welsh champion, 7-0, 7-4 in the first round. Hugh Duff, the world No I, was bearen by Clive Benham, an outsider, while Mervyn King did noi drop a point in beating Nigel Williams, of Swansea.

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, 33, of Great Britain. won the British Land British Open at Queen's Club last night beating Steve Virgona. 20, of Australia, in five sets.

FOR THE RECORD

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated European Cup Champions' League Group A

App v Croales Zagreto († 45) Olympiakos v FC Porto (7 45) Rosenberg v Alhielic Bibao (7 45) Galatasaray v Juventus (7 45) Spanak Moscow v Sturm Graz (4.45)

Internazionale v Real Madnd (7 45) Barcelone v Manchester Lhd (7 45) Bayern Munich v Brondby (7 45)

Group E 4 senal v Lens (7 45) Dynamo kiev v Panathinaikos (5.45) HJF Helsinki v PSV Eindhoven (5.45)

Bentica v kaiserslautem (7 45) Scottish League Third division Dembanon v Monitose Representative under-21 match

Italian League v Football League (ai Terni, 130) fai Tern. (130)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: League Cup:
First round, first leg: Corby v Stamford
First round, second leg: Brothey Tound
(3) v Cambridge Cay (4). Salisbury (1) v
Bashley (1)

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RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Vandanel
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Brighton v Reading (7.0), Cambridge United v Samdon Town 2 (I), Fulharn v Tottenham Hotspur (2 0), Luton Town v Ipswich Town (2 0), Odord United v Crystal Peroce; Wolcords v Brentford, Wirnbledon v Chalsea, Wycombe v Norwch (2 0) PONTRY 2 LEAGUE: First division: Burtleyv West Bromwch (7.15) Second division: Huddersfield v Stockport (7 0) Third division: Wigen v Rochdale (2 0) League Cup: Group one: Darlington v Middesshruigh (al Forers Park, Bernont, 2 0). Scarborough v Hartepool (2 0) Group hves Rotherham v For (7.0), Group three: Manchester City v Tranmers (al Altrincham F C. 7 0)

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SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: First division: Balyclare v Lmavady Utd
FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE: Under-19: Backburn Rovers v Bolton (1 30).
ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First Division: Stadon v Beingham Town.
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League Cup: Third round: Wilington v Bedington Temes.
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HIGHLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE:
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William, Rothes v Fraserburgh.
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LEAGUE: Premier division: Slowmarket
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UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE:
First division: Eastbourn: Town v Ring-NORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE: Hoodill Trophy: First round, second leg-Alherton Colleges v Warrington; Atherton v Preson Cables

CLUB MATCH: Cambridge University v M. R Strete-Bodger's XV (3 0) OTHER SPORT

RUGBY UNION

One-day international Pakistan v Zimbabwe

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-77, 2-110, 3-207,
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FALL OF WICKETS. 1-18, 2-29, 3-90, 4-85, 5-102, 8-110, 7-124, 8-181, 9-185 5-102, 6-103, 7-128, 6-101, 9-169 BOWLING, Wasm Akram 6-0-25-1, Wagar Younis 8-0-49-2, Aaqib Javed 9-0-47-1, Achter Mahmcod 2-0-10-0, Segletin Musikted 7-0-27-3, Anna Sohraf 5-20-26-2 Umpires: Javed Akhter and Riszuddin

FOOTBALL

VEFA CUP: Third round, Bret log: AS Rome I FC ZUNCH D. FA CARLING PREMERSHIP: Everton I Newcastle C. FA CUP: First-round replay: Slevenage 2 PARCOTT I STANDARD CUP: Second round: Bishop's Standard 5 Besingstoke 4 PONTIN'S LEAGUE CUP: Group four: Sheffield United 1 Chesterfield 1.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Ottows 4 Van-couver 3, Toronto 3 Calgary 2, Delas 3 San Jose 2

REAL TENNIS QUEEN'S CLUB: British Open: Men's singles: firsh: J Snow (GB) bt S Vagonia (Aus) 4-5, 6-3, 6-0, 2-5, 6-2

SAILING

HAMBLE WINTER SERIES: Race seven winners: CHS1: Desperado (R Lotus) CHS2: Shakamaker (P Churchil), CHS3: Chou R (R Whis) CHS4: Sozpon (P Smith), CHS3: Purple Haze (J Dudley), Signar 38: Prophet (G Snowdon), Signar 33: Prophet (G Snowdon), Signar 33: Prophet (G Snowdon), Signar 33: Presion (J Perry), J-106: Sersakan (P and MC Heys) X-86: Espresso (Messak Egan, Mansel and Stater) Sonstee Spris (D Franks), Humber 707: Take the Weather (J Calescione), Sportsboot S & M (S Hawlton), Sportsboot S & M (S Hawlton), Humber 30: Rift Refl (N Morret), Medges 24: The Muts Nuts (P Love) or and N feel.

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BOURNEHOUTH: Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom champlonahip: Third round: J Parrox (Eng) bt G Porting (Eng) 96, J Hogon (Scot) bt J Murphy (N Pa) 9-4; F O'Enen (Ire) bt K Doherty (Ire) 9-7

TENNIS HANOVER, Germany: ATP Tour World Championship: Red Group: P Sampas (US) bi Y Kaleinikov (Huss) 6-2, 6-4; C Moya (Sp) bi K Kucera (Slovaka) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

David Price's team of TGR's regulars reached the last 64 of the Rosenblum World Teams before losing to a US team including Weichsel-Sontag, winners of the 1975 Sunday Times Pairs. In the round robin against a Danish team Price ignored Gabriel Chagas' BOLS tip, "Never spoil your partner's brilliancy". (Material was running thin lowards the end of the "Thory maters.) of the "Tips" series.)

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Contract: Shr Clubs by South. Lead: five of hearts.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

a. A festival

b. A stew

c. A fool

GALAX

a. A plant

b. A minor galaxy

c. A character in Asterix

Answers on page 50

North opened One Diamond and, after South responded Two Clubs, rebid Two Spades, setting up a game-forcing sequence. When South rebid clubs twice more North considered his singleion adequate support for slam purposes, so they

arrived in the poor Six Clubs. Declarer led a club from the dummy at trick two, hop-ing for either ace-queen or queen-len doubleton in the

East hand. Had East followed routinely with the ten, declarer would have no choice but to finesse the jack and later continue with the king to bring down the queen. But this is a position where there is a mandatory falsecard, and Lionel Wright spotted it - he found the brilliant play of the queen of clubs on the first round. Mind you, that would not have been so clever if declar-

AILUROPHOBE

b. Avoiding damp

c. A cat-hater

b. A litany .

ECTENE

a. Morbid dread of feathers

a. A type of river fishing

c. Outwith the womb

er had had eight clubs to the king-jack, where he would have had a guess if East played the ten.

Had West ducked smoothly when South played the king. South would have had to guess whether to continue with the king to pin the queen, or a low card to bring down the bare ace. Unfortunately Price took his ace, and declarer was forced to continue with the jack on the next round, so making

his contract.

The Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship 1999 will be played at The White House Hotel, Albany Streel, London NWI from Wednesday January 20th to Friday 22nd. Tickets and information from The Macallan Box Office, 31 Queens Road, Mortlake, London SWI4 8PH. Tel: 0181-

25 Ng4 26 hvg4 27 f4 28 f5

29 Qe2 30 Nxf6

Nf8 Be6 cxd5 Rc8 b6 Rc5

KEENE on CHESS

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BY RAYMOND KEENE

Space advantage To launch The Times

Kasparov Chess Challenge, 1 will be devoting this week to classic games by the champion. The game today is a superb controlled masterpiece by the champion in which he utilises his command of terrain to reduce the black position to rubble.

Although Vassily Ivanchuk, his opponent, has won a fair number of games against the champion, he suffers from a nervous disposition that has frequently caused him to falter in critical situation. White: Garry Kasparov

Black: Vassily Ivanchuk Las Palmas 1996

Alekhine's Defence

d6 g6 c6 Bg7 O-O exd6 Nc7 Bi6 Re8 Nxe8 d5 dxc4 Nd6 Nd5 Nd7 Nd7 Nd7 4 Nf3 5 Bc4 6 0-0 7 h3 9 Re1 10 Bg5 11 Bh6 12 Rxe8+ 13 Bb3 14 c4 15 Bxc4 16 Bb3 20 Rd1

32 Rd7+ CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Qxf7 Qf6 Kh8 33 Oxe5+ 34 Qc7+

a5 Black resigns 36 Be6 Nf8 Diagram of final position



How to enter

To compete in the display against Kasparov, please call 0640 678884 from the United Kingdom or (44) 870 902 7365 from overseas. Calls cost 60p per minute in the UK and 58p per minute outside. The lines are now open until Saturday, December 5.

The display will take place on December to at the Barclay Hotel. Mayfair, when Kasparov will face 25 tables of five people. Those who call the hotline will have to answer a question and the hotline will have to answer a question. tion and the lucky ten will be drawn from those who answer successfully. The Times has two of the 25 tables exclusively for our readers.

Two conditions apply. No one with an ELO rating of more than 2,000 can compete and normal Times conditions apply to this competition. The Editor's decision is final.

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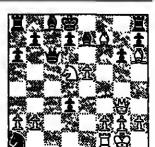
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from International Grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily col-umn in The Times and is avail-able now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01797 369966 at £6.99+p&p).

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Nimzowitsch - Gilg, Kecskemet 1927. Although Black is a rook ahead his position is full of holes and his king is badly constricted.
How did White exploit these factors to score a quick win?

Solution, page 50



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Despondent Barcelona supporters braced for European Cup backlash Bullish Ferguson goes for the kill





From Oliver Holt in Barcelona

THE hotel where Manchester United are staying here has been designed around a theme of Spain and her most celebrated artists. When Alex Ferguson arrived yesterday lunchome, he was led to his press conference past salons dedicated to Goya. Velasquez, Picasso and Miro. When he began to speak, it was as one half of a

study in light and shade. The Manchester United manager was unashamedly upbear about his side's approach for the European Cup Champions' League tie against Barcelona in the Nou Camp tonight. They had come to win, he said. They had come to attack, not to compromise or retrench, "What do you remember about the 4-0 defeat here four years ago? someone asked him. "Nothing," Ferguson replied.

tf there is a happy extravagance in Ferguson's brush strokes now and a flourish in a side that has scored a record ló goals in the compedition so far, a darkness, a grim, crawling, black mood that would seep nicely into one of Goya's pinturas negras, has settled over the campaign of Barcelona and, in particular, over the tenure of their Dutch coach. Louis van Gaal.

In this city, those who would celebrate instead despair. The festivities that are planned to mark the club's centenary before the home match against Atlético Madrid on Saturday have been tarnished by the realisation that Barcelona's hopes of qualifying for the quarter-finals of a competition that their great rivals, Real Madrid won last year are hanging by a thread.

On Monday, one newspa-per, El Periodico, used a picture to cover its front page. It showed five generations of Barcelona players - among them Ronald Koeman - staring sadly at the camera during an event at the club museum. which coincided with the defeat by Real Mallorca on Saturday night. "The Silence over the Centenary." the headline sion magnified. More than be-



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Ferguson says his focus on a place in the European Cup quarter-finals will not be distracted by reports of injuries and unrest in the Barcelona camp

said. The darkness intensified yesterday when several players went public with a denunciation of Van Gaal, whose achievement in leading the club to its first league and cup double for 39 years last season seems to have been quickly for-

Vitor Baia, the Portuguese goalkeeper who has been re-placed by Ruud Hesp, one of many of Van Gaal's compatriots, accused the coach of "inhuman treatment". Others, like Roger, were also outspoken in their criticism.

Some of Van Gaal's troubles stem from an injury crisis that has deprived him of Guardiola. Cocu. Luís Enrique, Abelardo and Nadal and some from his policy of importing legions of Dutchmen to help his cause. But here, every setback is exaggerated, every deing the manager of England, taking charge of Barcelona is close to accepting the "impossible iob".

They are almost crazed by their fanaticism for football bere. A beggar was earning money yesterday not by busking but by keeping a ball in the air with his head and playing all manner of fancy tricks with it. For some, the game really is moving closer to a matter of life and death.

If Barcelona lose tonight, Van Gaal need not fear for his health, but his position will come under increasing pressure. Ferguson is too experienced too genuine a football man, to gloat in the misfortunes of another, but he knows that United seem to have caught their opponents at exactly the right time and that this match represents an opportunity to secure their

Europe for three decades. They have pulled off minor triumphs away from Old Trafford in that time -- even recentlv. they have beaten the likes of PSV Eindhoven and Fenerbahçe - but they have never quite had the conviction, the experience or the luck to edge be-

GROUP D

yond clubs of the stature of Ju-

ventus, Barcelona or Borussia

BESULTS: September 16: Brondby 2 Bay-em Munich 1, Manchester United 3 Bercelo-na 3 September 30: Barcelona 2 Brondby 0, Bayem Munich 2 Manchester United 2 October 21: Bayem Munich 1 Bercelona 0, Brondby 2 Manchester United 6 Novem-ber 4: Barcelona 1 Bayem Munich 2, Man-chester United 5 Brondby 0.

FIXTURES: Today: Beyom Munich v Brond-by, Bercelona v Manchester United, Decem-ber 9: Brondby v Barcelona, Menchester United v Bayern Munich

that pressure," Wenger said.

fatigue may be a reason, it

could not excuse his second-

man appeared to be one of sev-

eral players who could not

wait for the final whistle.

Dormund. Tonight, one senses, they are determined to try to put that right. The circumstances, at least, could not be This is a game which it is

worth us trying to win," Fergu-son said, "because I think it will put us through. It will mean we do not have to worry about the last game, against Bayern Munich. II is common sense that we will go out to win this game, but we have to be aware of their threat on the counter-attack.

"We have done well with our goalscoring and I feel that the players are focused on European competition. Their level of play has been good in most of the games. This game is a big challenge for our players and they seem to relish that. You cannot really be favourites for a game in an away camp, but I think we

goal threat to them, but you have to remember that for all this talk of injuries, they still have players like Rivaldo, Son-ny Anderson and Figo in attack. They are all dangerous players and we will have to watch them." If Ferguson is in a mood to

We can certainly pose a

gamble, he may opt for the boldness of playing Wes Brown at right back and Jesper Blomqvist, rather than Nicky Butt, on the left side of midfield in place of the injured Ryan Giggs. As Barcelona sink ever deeper into self-doubt, United are ready to raise their own self-esteem to a new level.

BARCELONA (probable, 4-3-3): R Heep — A Celades, S Okunowo, M Rezager, Sergi — Xav, Rivaldo, Giovanni — L Figo, S An-derson, B Zenden

MANCHESTER UNITED (probable; 4-4-2): P Schmachel — P Naville, J Stam, G Noville, D Inwin — O Beckham, R Keene, P Scholes, J Biomovist — O Yorke, A Cole.

us if their confidence is low. We have

heard the stories about their coach

being under pressure and it is a fact

that there is no second chance for

them in the situation they are in.

They bave to win and they will be un-

Yet it is important that we go out

and play our own game. Losing to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday

was not the ideal preparation, but we

have been concentrating on Barcelo-

na since then, watching videos of how they play and working on how

we will play. We know that we have

still got the match against Bayern

Munich in a fortnight to secure our

passage through to the quarter-fi-

nals. That takes a bit of pressure off

us, but we would still like to go out,

win and even up the balance for

der more pressure than us

ATHLETICS

Ronaldo aims to achieve new goals in capital race

David Powell talks to the fastest marathon runner ever about

his first engagement in 1999

he great Ronaldo, of metres that the record was his dazzling foot-work in London next April, but do not expect to see a ball. A cartwheel or two perhaps, a samba probably, a huge crowd certainly. but no ball. Ronaldo has retired from the game he

Not that Ronaldo, otherwise this story would be on the back page. We are talk-ing Ronaldo, the world's best marathon runner. He used to play football but gave up at 17 when be realised that his talents lay elsewhere. Switching from soccer to athletics proved the smartest decision of Ronaldo da Costa's life.

Ten weeks after Ronaldo Luiz Lazario had flopped in the World Cup final, Ronaldo da Costa broke the world record for the marathon, Yesterday, he appeared in London to announce that his first marathon since he set the mark of 2hr 6min 5sec in Berlin in September would be the Flora Lon-

don Marathon on April 18. • We were David Bedford, the London race

director. scribed the signing as "a great thinking coup". It proves that the London about Marathon, although the speed of the course the world makes it marginally slower than a record? handful of other leading city mara-

thons, is up with the has trav-the pace in buying power. He has trav-the \$200,000 (about gained for So feted is he in £120,000) that Ronaldo will Brazil that be has had to receive is an appearance fee that most other marathons

can only dream of paying. If Ronaldo's Berlin run was extraordinary - 45sec inside the old world record, which had stood for ten years - the ninutes, hours and days that followed were no less remarkable. Most people who have run a marathon will be familiar with the feeling of fatigue and lingering stiffness that follows. Not Ronaldo.

At the finish, he performed a double-cartwheel, at the awards evening a samba. Then, almost unbelievably, given the accepted wisdom of the recovery period required after a marathon, he finished twelfth in the halfmarathon world championship just seven days later. Ronaldo's explanacion was that he had had not run himself into the ground with his

world record. "If I had known at 35 kilopossible, I could have run under 2:06," he said. We were not thinking about the world record. It just happened."

Only after Luis Felipe

Posso, his manager, had shouted to him that, with three kilometres to go, the record was on did Ronaldo put his foot to the floor. Yesterday, Ronaldo talked of improving his world record in London.

Asked what targets he had set, he said that the first was to win, before going on 10 indicate that he would be aiming to register a time of around 2hr 5min. Such a time, or thereabouts, would pocket Ronaldo, 28, at least \$200,000 in London Marathon bonuses. With the spon-sorship deals that Posso is negociating, millionaire sta-tus is imminent. He has spent some of his money on land over which he is carving out a cross-country course for his two 12-year-old nephews.

They have impressed Ronaldo sufficiently with their promise as runners that he wants to encourage them. He explained that he would like them to have the life he is enjoying. "You can travel and get to know the world," he said, this man from a poor family background in Descoberto, one of 12 siblings.

Brazil that be has had to move to San Diego to train.

Ronaldo sprang to prominence in Brazil by winning the São Paulo new year mass road race in 1994, though, prior to Berlin, his only international run of note was his third place in the 1994 halfmarathon world championships. "He became famous, maybe too famous," Posso reflected. "After that, he was just going through the mo-

Like the rest of his country, Brazil's World Cup final defeat at the hands of France earlier this year hurt Ronal-do. "We suffered a lot." he said, "They made too much money and maybe they were not worried about winning." Ronaldo, the runner, has learned his lesson and has regained his focus. "Now I know I need to be humble, he said. Here is one Ronaldo who will not make the same mistake again.

Have no fear, United can reign in Spain our minds very quickly. It will help

was on the substitules' bench on the last occasion that Manchester United played in the Nou Camp back in November 1994. I was 19 and I can remember looking at the stands in that great bowl and thinking that they seemed never to end. They just went up and up and up.

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VEEKEND

We were hampered by the restrictions that used to exist on playing foreigners that night, so Peter Schmeichel was not in the side. We lost 4-0 and, as I was watching, I was aware that the level of football that Barcelona were playing was different to anything I had seen before. They were unbelievable.

They had Stoichkov and Romário playing in attack and they were probably the best two forwards in the world at that time. They just seemed to be so quick. They would be stroking it around slowly and then suddenly Ronald Koeman or Guardiola would give it to Romario and il would be like a spark.

Barcelona played so fast in the last third of the pitch that night. When Romário started to run. you just could not get near him. It is a wide pitch and they were building their attacks from the touchlines and stretching us. It was a real lesson.

lo many ways, I think it did us good. It made us realise what we were aiming at. In those days, I think maybe we used to go into big European away games with a bit of fear, a bit in awe of teams like Barcelona and Juventus. That is not the case any more and I would like to think we could do a lot better.

Four years ago, I don't think we quite had the confidence to go to the Nou Camp and beat Barcelona, but now, with all the experience of playGary Neville says extra experience

will help to banish

memories of 1994 ing in European competition that we

bave acquired, the games against clubs like Juventus, Borussia Dortmund and AS Monaco, we can go there and give them a good game and a hard game and believe in our ability to match them all the way. We caused them a lot of problems

at Old Trafford earlier in the season, when we drew 3-3. We were really on top of them in the first half, but somehow we allowed them to get back into it and, in the second half, we gave Rivaldo, in particular, too much space and paid the penalty.

We have never really pulled off a significant victory away from home in the European Cup Champions' League, even though we have had good results against difficult sides like Kosice and PSV Eindhoven, but now we have a chance to go one better on what is probably the biggest stage on the Continent. This time, we have got to go into it without any fear.

There are only three players left from the team that lost four years ago. That result was a bad experience for Denis Irwin, Nicky Butt and Roy Keane, but even though it always gives you a slight edge at the start of a game if you have achieved a result like that over your opponents, they will be two different teams to the ones that played in 1994 and we will have put it to the back of



Wenger: faith in Vicira

Wenger was not amused and nor was Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain. "It was pretty poor," he said. "I certainly don't like being associated with the performance we gave. If we play like that against Lens, we of beating Lens, but they will



need to show more conviction



RESULTS: September 16: Lens 1 Arsenai 1, Panethinekot 2 Dynamo Kiev 1. Septem-ber 36: Dynamo Kiev 1 Lens 1, Arsenal 2 Panethinekot 1. October 21: Arsenal 1 Dy-namo Kiev 1, Lens 1 Panethinekot 0. No-vember 4: Dynamo Kiev 3 Arsenal 1, Pane-theester 1 Lens 0.

FDXTURES: Today: Arsenal v Lens, Dyna-mo Kiev v Panethineikos. December 9: Lens v Dynamo Kiev, Panethineikos v Arse-

than they managed on Saturday - or in their four previous Champions' League games for that matter.

ARSENAL (probable 4-4-2): O Seaman — L Dixon, T Adams, M Keown, N Winterburn — R Gerde, R Parlour, S Hughes, M Over-mars — C Wreh, N Anelsa

LENS (probeble 4-4-2): G. Warmuz -Skora, C. Magner, Y. Lachor, C. Rool -Debeve, F. Dehu, O. Moraira, T. Varrelles -Nourna, V. Smicer Referee: A Frisk (Sweden



Ronaldo is no longer resting on his laurels

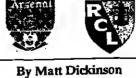
Wenger and Adams try their best to stir depleted Arsenal French television. "He loves

IF THERE was any good news for Arsenal yesterday and they were scouring every nook and cranny - it was that they never really appeared that obsessed by the Champions' League in the first place. At least that will spare them the frenzy of despair that engulfs Manchester United every season should their European Cup campaign fizzle out as damply as the November

If that sounds a trifle downbeat, the gloom could hardly be avoided on a day when the health bulletins from Highbury were so had that it was tempting to ask Arsène Wenger if there were any fatalities to go with the dodgy hamstrings, calves and abdominals that have beset his three most influential players.

It had been correctly feared that Emmanuel Pent, Patrick Vicira and Dennis Bergkamp would all be missing against Lens tonight, when Arsenal must win at Wembley if they are to have any hope of pro-gressing from group E.

What had not been anticipated, though, was that all three internationals would still be sidelined for the trip to Panathinaikos in a fortnight, when Arsenal will almost certainly need a second triumph if they are to become one of the eight clubs still competing for the European Cup. Even if they



beat Lens tonight, it appears that the London club will be reliant on Greeks bearing

Vieira (hamstring) and Petit (stomach strain) have each begun three week lay-offs while even if Bergkamp's calf is not badly strained, his manager believes that he may still need a 14-day break to recover from a succession of injuries that have interrupted his sea-

The new-style Uefa Cup. featuring 131 teams, is likely to come into effect next season at the same time as a revamped European Cup Champions' League. The new competition will be a merger of the existing cup and the Cup Winners' Cup.

son. "I will give Dennis the rest he needs." Wenger said yesterday. "His mood cannot be good when he struggles every day for fitness. We cannot rush him back." No wonder, then, that the

Frenchman could be heard yes-

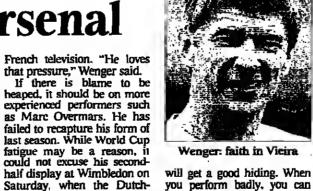
terday invoking the indomita-

ble spirit that has lifted these Arsenal players through greater crises than this. Men like Tony Adams, Nigel Winter-burn and David Seaman have made lucrative careers out of defying the odds and they will be needing every bit of that obduracy this evening.

If there is cause for hope, it is that the defence can probably be relied on to keep out a French team that is struggling along in mid-table in its own domestic league. So poorly, in fact, that Daniel Ledlerg felt obliged to offer his resignation as coach a formight ago. While Tony Vairelles man-

aged to score a late equaliser in the first meeting between these two sides. Lens were awful and would have been comprehensively beaten had Arsenal shown greater calm in front of goal. Which brings us to the nub of the matter, given that Wenger's team has failed to score in its past three games. Nicolas Anelka has been

shouldering much of the blame for that, which seems rather unfair on a 19-year-old who has scored six omes in the FA Carling Premiership this season. Wenger, who again denied tralian reports that Nwankwo Kanu was en route from Internazionale, has supported his young compatriot and believes that the occasion may be right for him because the game will be shown live on



you perform badly, you can assess people's characters by seeing how they react. It would be pathetic to let the absence of three players affect us."

It was an uncompromising speech that Adams will need to repeat tonight. Even an Arsenal XI without its three most influential players is capable

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MOTOR RALLYING: BRITON TRIUMPHS AS FAILURE OF SAINZ LETS IN MAKINEN FOR WORLD TITLE

Burns checks in the safe way

By Kevin Eason

RICHARD BURNS looked across the vast service area at a face that looked as though it had been drained of every drop of blood. Carlos Sainz had suffered the worst fate that could befall any sportsman yesterday — failing in sight of the finishing post to clinch a world championship that had been virtually his for the past three days.

Even the victorious Burns was unable to counter the enormous sense of anticlimax that overwhelmed this astonishing Network Q Rally of Great Britain. It was the world title showdown that never was, with both Sainz and Tommi Makinen dumped from the rally in extraordinary circumstances.

Neither was Burns able to prove himself in the muchvaunted head-to-head contest with Colin McRae, his British rival, whose Subaru expired on Monday. The substitute challenge from Alister McRae. Colin's younger brother, who started yesterday in second place, lasted only a few minutes before the Scot crashed on

the first stage. So Burns was left to his lone ly drive through the mists and rain of the Welsh forests, driving against the clock and his own demons. As cars dropped like flies around him, the memory lingered of this rally last year, when Burns led most of the way only to be robbed of victory by a puncture. This time, though, the bad luck was being distributed throughout the rest of the field.

Sainz was trying to cruise carefully to the security of a fourth place that would wrestle the championship from Makinen, allowing the Ford Escorts of Juha Kankkunen and Bruno Thiry to overtake him. With a substantial cushion and little competition from behind, Burns, 27, was free to show that he is the emerging talent of British rallying and will be a world championship contender himself when he joins Subaru next year as their No I driver.

Dave Richards, head of Prodive Subaru, who recruited Burns to replace the departing McRae, said: This is an important day for British rallying. Richard has matured enormously and I would put money on him for a world championship."

Starting from sixth on Monday morning, Burns won 15 of the 18 stages over two days no other driver could match. Only at the end was there any doubt, when he felt a vibration coming from the front wheels of his Mitsubishi Lancer.

"I was driving so carefully, barely dared breathe through the last stage," he said. "We had a big fright at the end and suddenly things started to run through my mind. I was utterly relieved to get through to the end, especially when you consider



Burns stays on the straight and narrow as he negotiates the final stages of the Network Q Rally of Great Britain yesterday

what was happening around

In fact, there was little that has not happened during this remarkable rally. Certainly, Burns's victory celebrations were overshadowed as it emerged that the convoy of leading cars coming through the last stage of the rally, past the wide lawns of Margam

Park, was significantly missing the Toyota Corolla of Sainz and Luis Moya, his co-driver.

Hundreds of spectators had cheered through Burns and Robert Reid, his co-driver, and then the twin Escorts of Kankkunen and Thiry, achieving a remarkable finale for the Ford hatchbacks in their last rally after 30 years on the world stage. But then, no Sainz. As the clock ticked by, the roar of an engine could be heard over the tall trees and the crowd strained to see Sainz coming home to win his third world crown. However, the car was the Subaru of Gregoire De Mevious and it was some minutes before a plume of smoke and flame an-

FINAL STANDINGS

Burns (GB, Mitsubishi Lancer) 3hr 49min 30 6sec: 2, J Kankkunen (Fin, Food Fester) et 3min 45.5 eeur 3, B thiny (pse, Prof. Escor) at \$227.5; 4, G de Mexus (Bet, Suberu impreza) at 7:54.8; 5, S. Lincholm (Fin, Ford Escort) at 8:15.6; 6, H. Rovanperra (Fin, SEAT Cordobe) at 10:33.3; 7, A. Schwarz (Ger, Ford Escort) at 12:16.7; 8, K. Holowczyc (Pol, Suberu Impreza) at 13:06.7; 9, M. Martin (Est, Toyota Cel-ica) at 17:11.0; 10, M. Stohl (Ger, Mit-subishi Lancer) at 19:07.2. subishi Lancer) at 19:07.2.

FINAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS: Drivers: 1, T Makinen (Fin) 56 pts; 2, C Sainz (Sp) 56; 3, C McRae (GB) 45; 4, J Kankkunen (Fin) Micriae (GB) 45: 4, J Kankkunen (Fin) 39; 5, D Auriol (Fr) 34; 6, R Burns (GB) 33; 7, P Liatti (tij 17; 8, F Loix (Bel) 13; 9, S Thiry (Bel) 8; 10, A Vatanen (Fin) 6 Constructors: 1, Mitsubsthi 91 pts; 2, Toyota 85; 3, Subaru 65; 4, Ford 53. normced the arrival of Sainz's ailing Toyota. As the red and white car rolled to a halt, fire billowing from under the bonnet, a hush descended on the crowd of onlookers. Just 300 metres from the line, Sainz handed the championship that had been temporarily in his gift back to Makinen, along with the manufacturers' world championship for Mitsubishi.

Seven miles away, at the fi-nal service area before the drive back to rally headquarters in Cheltenham, there was cheering and hugging on one side of the shed housing the inics and Mitsubishi team members, who had waited for Burns to return as the Rally of Great Britain winner.

The other side of the shed had all the atmosphere of the morgue. Tears welled up in the eyes of mechanics as Sainz

and Moya trudged in. Burns broke off from the jubilation to share a moment with the Spaniard. "I am feeling complete happiness," he said, "but I cannot imagine how Carlos is feel-ing. Our hearts go out to him."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

The ladies in leathers

Behind Closed Doors BBC2, 7.30pm

Meet Women in the Wind, the only all-female motorbike club in Britain. But be careful what you say, for riding bikes is part of a macho culture. which includes covering their arms in tattoos and making it clear that they will stand no nonsense. As one member, Lindy, puts it: "We are not the hard women of biking. We are the hardened women of biking. We've had broken hearts and been messed around. Now it's time to stand on our own." Ranging in age from early twenties to 48, they take to their bikes as a symbol of release from the everyday chores of work and looking after children. We follow them to a Hell's Angels rally "in my book a party that lasts from Thursday to Sunday is a damn good party") and see one of them married to a fellow biker in a ceremony the like of which the clergyman has obviously never

The Real Holiday Show Channel 4, 8-30pm

The small screen is suddenly full of people taking off their clothes. Monday's documentary on naturism is followed by the start of Naked (see below) and The Real Holiday Show is not to be left out. Meet John and Linda Walton, naturists for all 28 years of their married life, as they take a holiday in Spain. They have to cover up in the evenings to keep the mosquitoes off but otherwise it is birthday suits all the way. Those hoping for a voyeurisuc feast will be disappointed. As Linda says: "Once you've seen one floppy bit you've seen them all." There is more naked itesh as Veronica and Madge. widows in their sevenoes, visit a male strip show in

BBC2, 9.50pm The very oile of Lucy Blakstad's series on the human body may pull in the viewers, though not all the bodies are shown without clothes and some of those which are would have been better covered up. Those offended by such things are warned that Blakstad does not shrink from showing the most intimate bits. As she has demonstrated on the Modern Times strand. Blakstad's speciality is

A member of Women in the Wind, in Behind Closed Doors (BBC2, 7.30pm)

gentle observation of the quirkier side of human behaviour and there is something of that here. But this first programme lacks coherence and Blakstad this first programme lacks coherence and Blakstad seems uncertain what she is aiming for. So much so that one couple accuse her of asking silly questions. Middle-aged bodies are the topic and the unsurprising conclusion that while some 50-year-olds do everything they can in the way of facelifts and so on to resist the ageing process, others try to make the best of it.

Omnibus: The Whirl of Vanity Fair BBC1, 10.45pm

The BBC serialisation of Vanity Fair has inspired this companion documentary which considers the book as social sature, offers a bluffer's guide to the life of William Makepeace Thackeray and speculates on what the heroine, Becky Sharp, would be doing if she were around today. The novelist Kathy Lette sees Becky as a precursor of Madonna, defying tradioon and challenging sexual mores, while the publicist Max Clifford thinks he could launch her as a television presenter. The section on Thackeray is made of more intelligent stuff and useful critiques of the novel come from the adapter Andrew Davies and John Mortimer. They argue that Thackeray was concerned with the snobbery of social class, something still with us 150 years after Vanity Fair was written.

Peter Waymark

Return of one of the successes of the new Radio 4

schedule, a literary quiz show-cum-panel game

that works because the panellists display a speed of thought and a propensity for invention that ups the entertainment value and makes the show whiz along. The BBC describes Booked as wacky, a

convenient adjective but one that implies

something radical, which this is not. It is also a lot

furnier than most wacky Radio 4 shows. The best rounds are usually the ones in which literary classics have to be revamped in a different style:

tonight we can expect Crime and Punishment

reinvented as Dixon of Dock Green. The panellists

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Radio 4, 6.30pm

Aids and Me Radio 4, 11.00am

The diary of the Radio 4 reporter Nigel Wrench for May 6, 1993, contained three appointments: two with MPs and one at the Royal Free Hospital for an HIV test. The test came first. Then Wrench did the first of the interviews and returned to the hospital for the test result. "As I was sitting down, the nurse looked at me and said, well, I think you know this by now, the test is positive. Well, I didn't know. I phoned the office and said I had been held up and could someone else do the second interview (with Edward Heath). That was the beginning of my journey with HIV." This programme is an unscripted account of that journey, made all the more moving by Wrench's measured, balanced

RADIO 1 (BBC)

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6.00emt Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 John Inverdale 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Willier 7.00 Nick Barractough 8.00 Nike Herding 9.00 The Andy Peebles Soul Show. New series looking at the world of soul music (1/13) 10.00 Radio 2 Classic Albums. Phil Collins's album Face Value 10.30 Richard Atlinson 12.00 Kalinna Leskanich 3.00am Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbel 7.00 News Extra with David McNeil 7.30 John Inverdale's Football Night. Commentary on Bercelona v Manchester United and Arsenal v Lens in the Champions' League 10.00 Littlejohn 11.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night

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6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harriet Scott 7.30 Janey Lee Grace 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00am Jemes Merritt 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

5.00am Bill Overton 6.00 The Breaklast Show 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Anna Raebum 4.00 Peter Deeley's Drivetime 6.00 The Sports Zone 8.00 James Whale 12.00 Ian Collins

are Dillie Keane and Roger McGough versus Arthur Smith and David Stafford. Peter Barnard

5.00am The World Today 6.30 Sports International 7.00 Nows 7.15 Off the Shelf: One of Ours 7.30 Meridian Live 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 6.15 Westway 8.30 Everywoman 9.00 News; (948 only) News in German 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 The Ferming World 9.30 Britain Now 9.45 Sports Hound-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 One Planet 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Sports International 12.00pm News 12.05 World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Science Feedback 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outbook 2.30 Megamix 3.00 News; (648 only) News In German 3.05 Sports Round-Up 3.15 Performance 3.30 Everywoman 4.00 News 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 Insight: 648 only) News In German 9.00 News 9.00 Ne 4.30 Insight, (646 only) News in German 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Round-Up 8.00 Newsdesk 6.30 The Works; (648 only) News in German 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause For Thought 7.30 Multitrack: X-Press 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Businest Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 On Screen 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Insight 10.46 Sports Screen 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Insight 10.45 Sports Round-Up 11.90 News 11.95 Outlook 11.30 Multitrack: X-Press 12.00am Newsdesk 12.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.45 British Today 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omnibus 2.00 Newsdey 2.30 Meridian Books 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Round-Up 3.30 Brain of Britain 4.00 The World Today

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6.00am On Air with Stephanie Hughes, Includes Massenet (Meditation, Thais); Holst (Aupiter, The Planets); Copland (Fartare for the Common Man) 9.00 Masterworks with Penny Gore, Includes Johann Strauss, son (Overture: Die Fledermaus); Telemann (Vloin Concerto in A. Frog); Bach (Preludes and Fugues Nos 9-14, 48, Book 1)); Elgar, orch Jacob (Organ Sonata in G); Mozart (Three German Dances, K605); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz: An Artist's Lite);
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12.00 Composer of the Week: Josquin
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert: New
Generations Prys Mitchell, violin, Robert Kullek,
piano. Ovorak (Four Romantic Pieces. Op 75):
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Lutoslawski (Subilo), Schumann (Violin Sonata No 2 in 0 minor, Op 121)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Marlyn Brabbens and Mark Wigglesworth, Anne Queffelec, piano. Grace Williams (Sea Sketches); Strauss (Death and Transfiguration); Mozart (Prano Concerto No 24 in C minor, K491); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish).

4.00 Chorai Evensong Live from Lincoln Cathedral

5.00 In Tune Sean Rafferty talks to the newscaster and

3.00 an tune Sean Fairenty laws to the newscaster and author John Suchet
 7.30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century) A concert performance of Berg's Wozzeck, given earlier this month at the Festival Half, Franz Hawlata, baritone, London Oratory School Schola, London Voices, Philharmonia under Christoph von Dohnanvi

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9.20 Postscript Nicholas Ward-Jackson explores the contemporary art world (3/5)
9.45 Holst (Suile No 2 in F). Central Band of the Royal Air Force under Wing Commander Eric Banks
10.00 Ensemble Francaix (Divertissement for bassoon and strings) performed by the Gaudier Ensemble
10.45 Night Waves with Patrick Winght
11.30 Jazz Notes with Alyn Shipton
12.00 Composer of the Week: Brahms (r)
1.00am Through the Night with Donald Macleod.
Includes 1.00 Anne Fischer, piano. Mendelssohn
(Rondo capnocoso in E. Op 14; Prelude and Fugue in E. minor, Op 35 No 1), Beethoven (Plano Sonafa in E. flat, Op 31 No 3), Schurmann
(Kinderszenen) 2.00 Kodaly (Duo) 2.25 Brahms
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2.00 The Archers (f)
2.15 The Golden Triangle: The Awakening
Conscience by Robin Brooks. A man vows to
turn a barmaid into a sturning, cultured beauty
3.00 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
3.30 Speakers' Corner The others Phoebe Wooley

describes her experiences of public speaking as sho struggles to make ends most by taking a second job as a tour guide (3/4) (r)

3.45 The Trouble with Clara Penny Downe reads Alison White's story (r)

4.00 Case Notes Graham Easton reports on men's

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4.30 Thinking Allowed — The Larger Map Laurie Taylor meets three people from Slough
5.00 PM with Charlie Loe-Potter and Chris Lowe

Booked New series. With Dilite Keane, Roger McGough, Davird Stafford and Arthur Smith. Chaired by Ian McMillan See Choice
 7.00 The Archers

7.15 Front Row John Wason examines the work of photographer Henri Cartier Bresson, whose

protographer Hem Center Bresson, whose influential career began in 1930
7.45 Still Waters by Sergio Casci (r)
8.00 The Moral Maze Michael Buerk ponders ethical issues behind the week's news with Janet Daley, Dawd Starkey, Dawd Cook and lan Hargreaves
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9.30 Midweek (r)
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Bedok at Bedtime: Another World Robert
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Vanessa Feltz, who offers to mediate in a disput between him and wife Mary (r) 12.00 News 12.30am The Lete Book: A stan in Full William Hootiens reads part eight of Tom Wolfe's new novel exploring the lives of men in the 1990s 12.46 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Couch set to land blow for women

BOXING

By SRIKUMAR SEN. BOXING CORRESPONDENT

JANE COUCH, the first British professional woman boxer. makes her debut at Caesar's nightclub. Streatham, tonight. Couch, who calls herself The Flectwood Assassin", faces Simone Lakic, a Yugoslav boxing out of Germany. Lukic does not have a nom de guerre, but. at 18, is 12 years younger than Couch. Their records are identical: three wins, three defeats and two draws, so a competitive contest is expected.

Couch discovered boxing four years ago. After being dismissed as a waitress at the Tower Hotel. London. for arguing with a customer, she was working as a packer of Blackpool rock when she saw Christy Martin, a World Boxing Council (WBC) women's champion from the United States, boxing on television. Inspired, she turned to Tex Woodward, the trainer, who has a gym near Bristol. Two years later, she became the world welterweight champion by defeating Sandra Geiger in Copenhagen. She defended the title twice in the United States, once on the bill topped by Roy Jones, the WBC lightheavyweight champion, at Fox-wood's Casino in Connecticut, but 12 months ago she was outpointed by Dora Webber in a non-title bout.

Lukic is something of an unknown quantity, but Greg Steene, her agent, says that she should not be taken lightly. "Even if she's only had eight fights, there is plenty of good sparring available in Germany, where women's

boxing is very big," he said. Steene, who is a boxing promoter and manager, added: "I have never seen women's boxing, but tonight we'll find out whether we'll be sick to the stomach or love it."

Answers from page 47 AILUROPHOBE

(c) Morbid fear of cats. The Greek compound word. "Cats only give affection where it is deserved, except when they annoy an allurophobe with their

ECTENE (b) A litany recited by a deacon with a choir. The ecclesiastical Greek means "extended". "Ectene: in the Eastern Church, a prayer constructed like a Litany for use in the Liturgy. It consists of short petitions said by the deacon to which choir or congregation respond with Kyrie Eleison.''

GALAH

(c) A fool or simpleton, in Australian slang. "He has visited the mineral belt and met the larrikins, galahs and dills who gravitate to such a scene."

(a) An evergreen plant of the genus so called of the family Diapensiaceae, native to the south-eastern United States. and having white flowers and shiny leaves. From the Greek.

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Dancers calling the tune

FROM ANGELA COURT IN ZAGREB

THE ice dance event at the world junior figure skating championships began yesterday with the compulsory dances. It is the first International Skating Union championship to use new rules that could affect this discipline.

In past seasons, compulsory dances have frequently predetheir initial positions throughout the rest of the event, causing many to say that there was little point in continuing once this section had been complet-

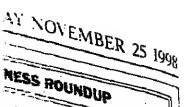
Now, every compulsory dance has a judges' deduction sheet laying down specific penalties for errors. Additionally. those judging have the option of using a new instant video replay system if they wish to re-evaluate sections of a dance. Previously, mistakes, stum-

bles and, at times, even falls appeared to make no difference to the marks awarded, but these can no longer be overlooked. The judging of ice dance is fast changing and looks to be the way forward. The Viennese waitz and tango were skated yesterday. Fed-

erica Faiella and Luciano Milo, of Italy, are tied in first place with Natalia Romaniuta and Danil Barantsev, of Russia. each couple having won a dance. Jamie Silverstein and Justin Pekarek, of the United States, are third.

Sharon Hill and Andrew Hallam, of Great Britain, the two-times British junior cham-2Bb6+kd7 3e6 is checkmate. pions, are equal-seventeenth.

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Could it be magic? If you can afford it, yes I you asked most people to drive down the M4 at 80mph with their head sticking out of the window, they wouldn't do it just like that, because they're not that stupid. They're actually far more stupid. Most people only like to do something this idiotic if you make them wait in a queue for two hours before letting them set off down the motorway, and also charging them for the privilege. That's the guiding principle of modern rollercoasters. People like to boast about how much scariness they can stomach - atthough you tend to notice that nobody has bothered to build an SOmph rollercoaster in. say. Manchester's Moss Side, presumably because the locals there don't need to pay good money to be scared: just walking home at night without a police es-

ers while it was building its new El2milliun ride. The ride - the world's first vertical rollercoaster is called Oblivion. It tooks as though you're strapped into a pushchair seat and dropped into a hole in the ground. The juurney takes six seconds. The queue on the day the ride opened topped two hours. If you can't be bothered to drive all the way to Staffordshire you could achieve the same effect - what Alton Towers calls "the most physically and psychologically challenging experience of your life" — by climbing a nearby cliff

and then jumping off it. But what Timothy Lambert's film mostly discovered was that few people find the experience of Alton Towers more physically and psychologically challenging than the underlings who work there. They struggle daily to live up to Alion Towers' mission statement, "where the magic never ends" - a phrase which, to most of us, con-

peopled by Paul Daniels replicants performing tricks for all eternity.

ers can be grey, gruelling work. The neverending magic of Alton Towers is so hard to define that even Ralph, the theme park's general manager, finds it tricky to put his finger on it. The magic is it's magical. It's so different to anything else, it's almost as though it's unreal and it's actually happening to you." Got that? I doubt Harpo Marx could have said it more eloquently. By the time the ride opened, Ralph had bought himself a thesaurus. So, his verdict on his new £12 million baby? "A magical, amazing experience. Totally different, fl cer-tainly brings the magic to us. Yeah. Yeah. Love it!" (did I mention Ralph must have lost the thesaurus on the way home from Waterstone's?). Lambert cutely caught REVIEW

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the gulf between gung-ho administrators such as Ralph and John (Alton Towers' so-called Thrill Engi-- "We're entertainers. The fact that we use concrete and steel to do our entertaining as opposed to 9 piece of Shakespeare or whatever is immaterial"), who are crazy for magic, and the staff, who find their working conditions less than magical. Staff corridors are lined with posters bearing worthy slogans gleaned from a teach-your-self-staff-motivation handbook, things such as "Smile — make someone's day!", and "Smile — it costs nothing!", and "Have you wowed anyone today?", and, on the door leading from the staff quarters to the public area. "You are a superstar ready to go on stage!". But when Frank, who collects the rubbish, was asked how the magic was working for him, he said: "It's a good idea if you could get everybody to smile. But at £3.40 an hour you don't have a lot

to smile about." So he didn't.
Back to the Floor (BBC2) also aims to measure the gulf between master and minion and this week it was Heather Rabarts, chief executive of Lambeth council, who got a chance to savour life as a council housing officer. Rabatts soon twigged that working on the front line was so harrowing that she'd be delighted to return to the boardroom. Rabatts had earlier trilled:

"I do like challenge. It's better to live one day as a liger than 100 days as a sheep. So I thought I'd come and be a oger in Lambeth." In Lambeth, as in the wild, life is often much tougher when you're a sheep. Something to do with all that slow, mind-numbing chewing?

ou get the feeling that it's years of slow, mind numb-ing chewing that turned Tony Lane and Rory McDonald into the sort of men they are - ie. very spooky. In making Street Patrol for Channel 4's Cutting Edge, Lorraine Charker could have painted the obsessed Neighbourhood Watchers she unearthed as demented Travis Bickles. Instead she wreathed them in a detached, slightly surreal glow which left it up to you to decide whether these men were just very good, decent people, or just people to whom you should never reveal your home adsoutheast London, is a national hours a day on his Neighbourhood Watch activities: "It's addictive and I'm addicted. It's like a drug ... Everybody in Neighbour-hood Watch that's doing the same job I do is on a mission to spread the word. It's an impossible mission that you've got to accom-

Ex-soldier Tony Lane's obsession — which ran to dreams of or-ganising his own ambulance and fire engine service and a Neighbourhood Watch leisure centre with gyms, bingo and dance hall — cost him his marriage, as snooping around his housing estate in Newport became "a part of me. like my arms and my legs. And once I got on the rollercoaster I couldn't get off." A rollercoaster you can't get off? Sounds like just the sort of thing Ralph might want at Alton Towers. Magic!

THE PARTY OF THE P 6.00am Business Breakfast (48564) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Tt (18748)

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the adrenalin rush you need. In The Magic Factory, BBC2's Modern Times visited Alton Tow-

9.00 Kilroy (T) (8329197) 9.40 Style Challenge (9162038) 10.05 City Hospital (T) (9299651) 10.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T)

(9059835) 11.00 Good Living with Jane Asher 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (9079699)

11.55 News; Regional News: Weather (T) (7965534) 12.00pm Pass the Buck (4607309) 12.25 Going for a Song (4686816) 12.50 The Weather Show (T) (84819908)

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1.40 Neighbours Hannah clashes with a new studeni (T) (67641187) 2.05 Snooker: UK Championship Live coverage from the quarter-finals at the Boumemouth International Centre

(9683545) 3.25 Children's BBC; Playdays (6750854) 3.45 Bananaman (8252496) 3.50 ChuckleVision (2198125) 4.10 Get Yout Own Back (9963038) 4.35 The Queen's Nose (7533787) 5.00 Newsround (4264477) 5.10 Blue Pelet (5579274)

5.35 Neighbours Hannah clashes with a new student (r) (T) (800877) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (767)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (449) 7,00 A Question of Sport Chris Eubank, Roger Black, Mark Bosnich and Stephen Hendry join team captains Ally McCoist and John Parrott (T) (1125)

7.30 Tomorrow's World Report on the scourge of late 20th-century technology, the Millennium Bug, assessing its possible impact on modern life (T) (903) 8.00 The Life of Birds David Attenborough looks into how birds communicate, exploring a confusing array of sounds

and visual displays which vary from species to species (T) (608361) 8.50 The National Lottery: Amazing Luck Stories Carol Smillie investigates an

unexpected discovery by marine archaeologists (T) (378941) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (T) (3564)

9.29 National Lottery Update (556293) 9.30 Storm Alert: A 999 Special The extreme weather conditions that tavaged Britain in October, including gale-torce winds and the highest rainfall for more than 10 years (1) (648106)

10.15 War and Piste Christmas Day proves consignment of turkeys fails to arrive, and the lads are distraught to learn that their car has been towed away (T) (420651)

10.45 CHOICE Omnibus The social commentary of Vanity Fair, discussed by Peler York, Nigella Lawson and John Mortimer (T) (690854) 11.35 The Moffy Maguires (1970) An undercover detective infiltrates a secret society of miners in 1876 Pennsylvania.

Fact-based drama, starring Sear Connery and Richard Harris (T) (944458)

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7.00am CBBC Breakfast Show: King Greenfingers (5484748) 7.05 Taletubbies (2288090) 7.30 Tom and Jerry Kids (2097729) 7.55 To Me, To You (5399019) 9.20 Robinson Sucroe (7148274) 8.40 Juniper Jungle (6605699) 8.50 King Greenfingers (6694583) 9.00 Space Ark (7294916) 9.10 What? Whera? When? Why? (7207380) 9.25 Who — Me? (5695941) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8234564) 10.00 Teletubbies (71729) 10.30 Numbertime (3865090) 10.45 Watch (3860545) 11.00 Around Scotland (9561632) 11.20 Geography Programme (4940835) 11.40 Science in Action (7830496) 12.00 Teaching Today (19818) 12.30pm Working Lunch (52019) 1.00 Juniper Jungle (98952125)

1.10 The Arts and Crafts Hour (2442212) 2.10 Wildlife on Two The marmots of the Austrian Tyrol (r) (T) (70589922)

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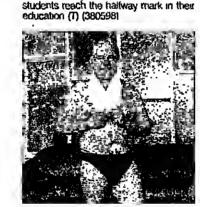
Minister's Question Time (T) (2466632) 3.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (3306651) 4.00 Snookar: UK Championship Further live action (79879564)

5.50 Lifelina (r) (T) (722570) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation A power (ailure leaves Picard lacing his worst nightmare (r) (T) (392212)

7,30 CHOICE Behind Closed Doors In the Wind MC, Britain's only all-ternale biker club (2/4)-(1) (545)

8.00 Looking Good Lowr Turner visits (ashion-conscious Manhattan to see what today's well-dressed elite ara wearing (t) (T) (5187) 8.30 Home Front The designer Stewart Walton is challenged to create a textured bedroom for a blind youngster (T) (7922)

9.00 Nurse The pressure mounts as the



Mike Roberts, aged 50, who only goes out with younger girls (9.50pm)

9.50 CHOICE Naked New series examining changes in the human body throughout a typical lifespan (539019) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (T) (878212) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (566458)

11.15 Snooker: UK Championship Highlights of this evening's frames (276583) 11.55 Weather (800309) 12,00 Despatch Box (44959)

12.30am BBC Learning Zone: Arts Late 1.00 England's Green and Pleasant Land 1.30 Looking for Hinduism in Calcutta 2.00 Business Studies 4.00 Languages Deutsch Plus 13-16 5.00 Business and Training: RCN Nursing Update 5.45 Open University. Patterns in Green 6.10 Reindeer in the Arctic 6.35 Breaking Out

HIV WEST

5.30am ITN Morning News (85583) 6.00 GMTV (9776699) 9.25 Trisha (T) (7523336) 10.15 This Morning (T) (146767)

12.15pm HTV News and Weather (1) (3491903)

12.30 TTN Lunchtime News; Weather (T) (49545) 1.00 Shortland Street (96813)

1.30 Home and Away (T) (48816)

3.10 ITN News Headlines (T) (7515038)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (1) (7445075) 2.40 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (T)

3.15 HTV News (T) (7514309) 3.20 CITV: Wizadora (7595274) 3.30 The Slow Norris (7986458) 3.45 The Animal Shell (7907941) 4.00 Rupert (3310854) 4.25 The Rottentrolls (4419670) 4.40

Mad for It (9828125) 5.10 WEST: Wildlitte Rescue Mark Evans visits people who dedicate their lives to rescuing loxes, an animal which to some is seen as a pest that needs to be controlled (3/6) (4483380)

5,10 WALES: Primetime Diary (T) (4483380) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (T)

(935019) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (572877) 6.00 Home and Away Alf's caravan catches fire (r) (T) (338458)

6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (T) (540922) 6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (979854)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (187) 7.00 Emmerdale The net closes in on Kirn (T)



Manchester United's Dwight Yorke will be hoping for success (7.30pm)

7.30 The Big Match - Live Barcelona v Manchester United (Kick-off 7.45pm). Bob Wilson introduces coverage from the Nou Camp Stadium, where Alex Ferguson's team can lake a giant step ards the quarter-finals by beating the Spanish champions tonight. Commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Ron Atkinson (T) (39613318)

9.45 Coronation Street Zoe and Natalie cross swords (T) (430038) 10.15 News at Ten; Weather (T) (422019) 10.45 HTV News and Weather (1) (977125)

10.55 The Big Match Highlights from tonight's Champions' League matches Champions' (78650835) 12.30am Doorways (1993) A visitor from a parallel universe lands on Earth, where she's immediately investigated by the FBI. Fantasy thriller, staming George Newbern (T) (760220)

2.05 The Big Match Arsenal v Lens (603423) 3.50 Cybernet Computer innovations (30112133)

4.15 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (9579355) 5.05 Coronation Street Shown earlier (r) (T)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

1.00 Echo Point (96813) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9505458)

3.15-3.20 Central News (7514309) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4483380) 8.25-7.00 Central News; Weather (540922) 10.45-10.55 Central News; Weather (977125) 4.15am Central Jobfinder '98 (3794607)

WESTCOUNTRY

5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (3429404)

As HTV West except: 12.15-12.27pm Westcountry News; Weather (3491903)

12.27-12.30 Illuminations (9746583) 1.00 Emmerdale (96813) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9505458)

2.10-2.40 Home and Away (62491318) 3.15-3.20 Westcountry News; Weather (7514309) 5.08 Birthday People (9013477) 5,10-5,40 Home and Away (4483380)

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6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (57564)

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11.30 Powerhouse (T) (7767)

1.00 Judge Joe Brown A woman left at the altar (r) (96895)

1.30 Mute Short ntes-of-passage drama (r) (73006632) 1.45 The Out of Towners (1970) Cornedy. Husband and wifa Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis travel to New York for a job interview, only to find themselves swamped by a series of mistortunes (T) (40870201)

3.30 Collectors' Lot A Muppet lan (T) (293) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (800)

4.30 Countdown (T) (7527106) 4.55 Ricki Lake An offbeat talent contest (T)

5.30 Pet Rescue Roadshow Wendy Turner visits the Bolton Guide Dog Centre and visits the boll dubble boy center and inds there's been an outbreak of kennal cough, but plucky pooch Gable is still (it enough to display the skills necessary to care (or the blind (T) (564)

8.00 Late Lunch with Mel and Sue Snappy conversation, with guests Stephen Fry, Martine McCutcheon and Loyd Grossman (55106)

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (843816) 7.55 Deadline 2000 With Mana-Elena Hutardo of Consumers International (T) (320019)

8.00 Brookside Jimmy returns to school (T) (3583)



John and Linda Walton visit a Spanish naturist resort (8.30cm)

8.30 CHOICE The Real Holiday Show A Spanish naturist resort and a cultural lour of Rome (2/8) (1) (2090) 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey Damien Ines to prove he's a real man, while Sally falls further in love with her wealthy fiance -

or is it just his bulging bank balance sha finds so appealing? (5/7) (6274) 9.30 is it Legal? A new lawyer stirs up the new image (5/7) (T) (50651)

10.00 Rising Damp Rigsby wines and dines Miss Jones (r) (T) (38941) 10.30 Bob and Margaret A rival dentist causes concern (2/6) (1) (14361)

11.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? Improvised comedy (3/11) (T) (8019)

11.30 Comedy Lab With Dominic Joly, Mark Tonderai and Paul Gamer (2/9) (95309) 12.00 Under the Moon Through-the-night sports magazine (6247688)

6.00am 5 News and Sport With Becky Anderson (2579564)
7.00 WideWorld Part lour Turkish migrani workers in Germany (r) (6235941)

7.30 M/lkshake! (6517093) 7.35 Wimzie'a House; (r) 5 News Update (1756477)

8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2649019) 8.30 Dappledown Farm; 5 News Update

(2631090) 9.00 HouseBusters (r) (T) (2655670) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9177757) 10.20 Sunset Beach Virginia infiltrates the hospital (T) (2172583)

11.10 Leeza (r) (9194748) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (2642106) 12.30 Family Affairs Maria dreads reaching 40; (r) (T) 5 News Update (7573274)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Ridge buys Brooke a ring (1) (6234212) 1.30 Sons and Daughters Kerry decides to return home; 5 News Updata (7572545)
2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5897458) 2.30 Good Afternoon; 5 News Update

3.30 Dangerous Affection (TVM 1987) A boy discovers a postage stamp, and soon finds himsell pursued by thugs who

want it back, Thriller, staming Judith Light and Jimmy Smits (T) (2703859) 5.20 The Roseanne Show: 5 News Update (6594039) 6.00 100 Per Cent (5395922)

6.30 Family Affairs Josh stands his ground (T) (5386274) 7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (5891274)

7.30 The Pepsi Chart Dr Foy presents a half hour of live acts from Sound Republic; 5 News Update (5382458)

8.00 When Friendship Kills (TVM 1996) Two girls' obsession with their looks goes beyond mere vanily and ends up landing them both In danger. Drama, staming Lynda Carter, Marley Shelton and Kabe Wright: 5 News Update (94984212)

9.40 Making Miss World Behind-the-scenes report on the world's most tamous beauty pageant, scheduled to be shown

lomorrow night, hosted by Boyzone's Flonan Keating, Namated by Mel Gledroyc (9358212)



Patrick Swayze stars as a tough nightclub bouncer (10.15pm)

10.15 Roadhouse (1989) Patrick Swayze stars as a kung fu expert who angers a crime toss while struggling to keep the peace in a small-town bar. Action thriller, also starring Ben Gazzara (23392926)

12.20am Compromising Situations A scientist becomes irresistable to women (4549125) 12.55 NHL: American Ice Hockey Chicago Blackhawks v Phoenix Covotes

(26616201) 4.40 Club Class Comedy show (r) (92652268) 5.05 Move on Up (1) (47624084)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (1472046)

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Newcastle insist £8 million signing will partner Shearer and not replace him

Gullit gives Ferguson his head

By GEORGE CAULKIN AND STEPHEN WOOD

SOMETIMES it takes a simple picture to underline the weight of countless words, so there can be little coincidence that immediately after New-castle United's forlorn performance away to Everton on Monday, Freddy Shepherd, the embattled Newcastle chairman, was spotted in the bowels of Goodison Park, gratefully pumping Duncan Ferguson's hand. Ruud Gullit's repeated warnings had finally been heeded.

Having spent much of the weekend describing his inheritance as a "relegation team". Newcastle side promptly provided a compelling argument in their manager's favour during an ominous and demoralising 1-0 defeat. Ferguson, who will complete the formalities of his E8 million transfer at St James' Park this morning, will be charged with reversing a proud club's slide — a task familiar from his four years with Everton.

Much to the chagrin of his legion of supporters in the blue half of Merseyside — and to Walter Smith, the Everton manager, who considered resigning over the sale - Ferguson departed for Tyneside yesterday, passing his medical late in the afternoon after agreeing a 51/2-year contract late the previous night. In so doing, Ferguson, 26, becomes Gullit's first signing since taking the reins from Kenny Dalglish three months ago.

His arrival comes amid another spate of speculation surrounding the position of Alan Shearer, though Newcastle officials were quick to dismiss the obvious connection. The object of the exercise is to have two world-class strikers playing for Newcastle. The board have signed Duncan Ferguson to partner him with Alan," Freddie Fletcher, the

chief executive, said. Gullit's contention yesterday that Shearer is "not for sale" although with the intriguing proviso "now it's all up to him" - prompted a telling response from the England captain last night. "As far as 1 am con-cerned, I am staying at New-castle United," he said, "but at the moment i really don't

Ferguson leaves St James' Park yesterday after emerging from talks over his unexpected £8 million move from Everton to Newcastle United. Photograph: Owen Humphreys

know what the board and the fresh chance and a new chalmanager are thinking."

Confusing agendas are dear-ly being set. Gullit's cause in keeping Shearer can hardly fail to be assisted by the arrivai of Ferguson, who has scored a goal every three games during his five seasons in the FA Carling Premiership. More important, perhaps, is the role that he can play in assisting Shearer: holding up the ball, winning possession and offering aerial dominance.

For Ferguson, it offers a

lenge. "He is very happy to come." Gullit said. "As soon as it became clear that Everton were prepared to let him go and we wanted him, he had no hesitation in signing. I am obviously very happy to make him my first signing for United because it gives us the power that was lacking against

Everton. The deal was prepared in advance of Newcastle's visit to Goodison and Smith knew nothing of it until he was informed by Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, at 11pm that night. Smith was furious at the prospect of one of the club's strikers leaving without his knowledge and spent Mon-

day night considering his

future. However, be was present at a board meeting yesterday when the dispute was

Smith said: "I was very disappointed about Duncan leaving, but more so about the circumstances in which the

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not know anything about it until late on Monday night and that is not right.

"I had to sit down and take stock of the situation and try not to get involved in knee-jerk Eventually, thought about the money we have spent here this season. the players we have got and decided that I would try and work around the problem.

"Instead of walking away, I had discussions with a few people and, as a result, I am happy to stay manager of Everton." However, none of the money from the sale of Ferguson will be available for Smith to bring in replacements. He has already spent nearly £20 million on players since he joined in the summer, but Everton have only scored eight goals in the league so far - the lowest total in the Premiership - and Smith needs a stronger

Gullit, meanwhile, must now try to succeed where others have failed in controlling the suspect temperament of a player who attracts disciplinary trouble as regularly as he finds the net. Ferguson received one red and nine yellow cards to go with his II goals last season and was serving a one-match suspension when Evenon and New

Monday. A similarly self-destructive trail leads steadily back to his early days in Scotland. He had already received two fines for assault - one on a policeman in Stirling in 1992 - when, after moving from Dundee United to Rangers for a then British record fee of £4 million, came arguably the pivotal moment of his chequered career. During a 4-0 victory over Raith Rovers at fbrox in 1994,

John McStay, an offence that eventually saw him serve a six-week prison sentence in Barlinnie Prison in Glasgow, as well as receive a 12-game ban from the Scottish FA. His frustration at the latter overturned - saw him retire from international football last year. Since Smith, who sold Fer-

Ferguson was involved in a

head-butting incident with

guson to Everton for £4 million in 1994, succeeded Howard Kendall, a host of clubs bave inquired about Ferguson's availability. Middlesbrough received short shrift af-ter making an approach last summer while Sunderland tabled a sizeable bid as recent-

ly as last week.

United's plans to expand granted

BY STEPHEN WOOD

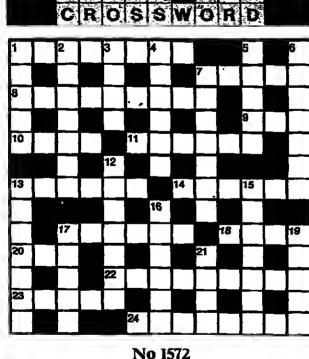
MANCHESTER United received planning permission yesterday to extend the capacity of their Old Trafford stadium, an increase sufficient to make it the biggest club ground in Great Britain. The breakthrough, however, came

United will build a new tier of seating above the existing East and West stands, a development that will increase the capacity by 12,000. The expected new capacity when work is completed, for the start of the 2000-01 season, will be 67,400. eclipsing that of Celtic Park, Glasgow, by 7,100. With more than 120,000 members and a season-ticket waiting list of 30,000. United have long realised that the present capacity is inadequate. However. objections from local residents to a new development have

blocked their plans, until now. United, therefore, made certain concessions to Trafford council. The £30 million cost includes a £1 million donation towards a package designed to improve street cleaning, car. parking and congestion. The ground will be an important factor in the Football Association's bid to bring the World Cup of 2006 to England and Martin Edwards, the United chairman, said: "It confirms that we are one of the more forward-thinking clubs in the country and hopefully that will benefit England, too. But the main thing is that fewer and fewer of our supporters will be disappointed about not getting in.'

Barnsley, of the Nationwide League first division, are hopeful of signing Carlton Palmer from Southampton. Palmer has a home in Sheffield and is eager to return to Yorkshire. The deal, though, appears to hinge on whether Barnsley will allow Darren Barnard, the Wales winger, to go in the opposite direction. Barnard is rated at £1.9 million, and Palmalso close to agreeing terms with Craig Hignett, the Aberdeen midfield player, who is

rated at £750,000. Chester City and Halifax Town, both of the Nationwide League third division, have been charged with failing to control their players by the FA after a brawl during their league game on November 10. Twenty players, plus mem-bers of the Chester coaching staff, were involved.



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living in the Dark Ages (Pai Gibson writes). The issue will not go away. Every time that bad light stops play during the Ashes series, England's refusal to agree to an International Cricket Council (ICC) condition allowing play to continue under floodlights is

going to be held against them. Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, whose admission that he cannot control the weather implied that he can control just about everything else, would love to have had the lights switched on as the skies darkened over Brisbane

England shown in bad light

with England's six specialist bassmen out and Cork and Croft fighting for survival. Taylor had already taken off his fastest bowler. McGrath, after one over

because the umpires had told him that if he continued to bowl, they would have to go off for bad light. Then, when it got too dark to stay on even with the spinners bowling. there was a 50-minute hiatus before the storm broke. "I always thought we were

in trouble, but the lights could have given us at least until tea," Taylor said. "We would probably still have struggled to win, because it was starting to rain, but I do think we should play under

possibility of more hours to be played. People want to see Test cricket, people want to see results. If lights can be provided to add time to any

game, they should be. "We've just got to go with the trend. Test-match crowds in certain parts of the world are going down and one of the reasons is that there are too many draws. We've got to make this game interesting and if we can stay on the field for an extra hour or so, it will bring about more runs, more wickets, a better game and a better spectacle."

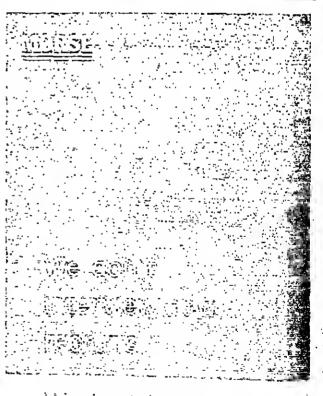
Alec Stewart, the England captain, could not agree more. "We are in the enterrainment business." he

said. "This was introduced in Sheffield Shield cricket two years ago and I am sure that a ruling that it should happen wherever floodlights are available."

So why are England not playing under the regulation in this series? They vetoed it. as was their right, when the playing conditions were finalised on the grounds that they had not experienced playing under lights during the day with a red ball Furthermore, their request that they should start tour games later to allow them to gain that experience was turned down.

"Once we have experienced it and know what the pros and cons are, there will be no problem at all." Stewart said - but that will not save him from a lot more flak before this series is over.

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